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## Finding Peace Formula

Nanking, Mar. 12.—After another secret session yesterday debating the Government's peace policy, the Legislative Yuan announced that it had agreed to a three-point proposal to assist the Government's peace effort.

The points were:

- 1.—The Legislative Yuan would agree to approve re-spectively all the Government measures to settle peace with the Communists during the period when the Yuan was in recess.
- 2.—In future all important national problems should be considered in the light of the opinions of both the Nationalists and the Communists.
- 3.—The Government should continue to act in accordance with the people's desire for peace.—Reuter-A.P.

## Valley Tips

By "THE TURF"  
1st RACE  
Trade Wind  
Colonie  
Countess Delight  
Outsider: Belle Fontaine.

2ND RACE  
Hop Yick  
Stayer  
Coogee  
Outsider: Big Bluff.

3RD RACE  
Anyway  
The Dingo  
Boom Town  
Outsider: Argentine Moon.

4TH RACE  
Care Free  
Sentry  
Brivisto  
Outsider: Toolite.

5TH RACE  
Skymaster  
Golden Dahlia  
Ben Wyvis  
Outsider: Egyptian Field.

6TH RACE  
Chief Witness  
Frostlight  
Amigo  
Outsider: Arabian Moon.

7TH RACE  
Reputation  
Reuter  
Roslyn  
Outsider: Jasmin.

8TH RACE  
Prince Delight  
Big Shot  
Red Fox  
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9TH RACE  
High Speed  
Mamie  
Top Hat  
Outsider: Poker Face.

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Autumn Leaf  
Constant Star  
Ann Hing  
Outsider: Dashing Beauty II.

## BRITAIN TO REINFORCE AKABA GARRISON

### Israeli Troops Dig In Near Port Town Equipped With Light Tanks

London, Mar. 11.—Britain has decided to reinforce the British garrison at Akaba, the Transjordan port at the head of the Gulf of Akaba, it is learned from a usually reliable source. The British unit concerned will be transferred from the Canal Zone of Egypt in the immediate future. An official announcement from London may be expected this weekend.

A contingent of British troops, known as "Oulton's Force," was sent to Akaba last January, following a request made by the Transjordan Government for military assistance under the Anglo-Transjordan Alliance of 1948.

The request followed the Israeli offensive against the Egyptian troops in the Negev area of Southern Palestine in December, 1948.

Observers in London assumed tonight that the decision to reinforce the British garrison at Akaba had been made following the Israeli occupation yesterday of the Palestinian coastline adjacent to the Transjordan frontier, at the head of the Gulf.

Though, following the signing at Rhodes today of a cease fire between Israel and Transjordan, no military incident is expected on the Palestine-Transjordan frontier, the occupation in strength by Israel of the Southern Negev has been expected here to lead to a strengthening of British dispositions in Transjordan.—Reuter.

### DIGGING IN

Cairo, Mar. 11.—A force of several hundred Israeli soldiers was tonight digging in the desert about one and a half miles from the Akaba perimeter, where British troops are on the alert for any attack, according to the latest military information in authoritative quarters in Cairo.

The information contained no suggestion of an attack on Akaba, where there are three United Nations observers.

According to reports received by authoritative quarters in the Egyptian capital, two Israeli columns were moving southward in the Negev Desert on February 25—each of about a battalion strength. (This varies between 500 and 1,000 men in the Israeli Army.)

On March 8, one column moved toward the desert road in Palestine near the Transjordan frontier, and the other made a sweep through the desert, the reports said.

On that day, the Arab Legion engaged both Israeli forces, but the casualties are unknown. One of the Arab forces withdrew northwards to Transjordan, while the other fell back on Akaba.

**HARASSING TACTICS**  
The Israeli force digging in near Akaba is stated to have a small number of light tanks. It is not known if the force has artillery.

Several hundred Arab tribesmen harassed the Israeli forces during the fighting near the Transjordan frontier in the past few days, according to reports in Amman tonight.

Most of the Arabs belonged to the Hawatit tribe, who won fame by their fierce fighting for Lawrence of Arabia against the Turks during the 1914-1918 war. Tribesmen operating with the Arab Legion inflicted a number of casualties on the Israeli troops, the reports said.

Travellers reaching Amman from Samaria, Central Palestine, reported what they described as extensive troop movements on the borders of the Iraqi front, about 17 miles west of the "Arab Triangle" town of Jenin. Orders for the execution of the Israeli-Transjordan preliminary cease fire agreement, signed at Rhodes today, are now being prepared, informed sources stated.

### CEASE FIRE

The orders are being prepared "ready to be attested" by Dr. Paul John, the personal representative of Dr. Ralph Bunche, mediator of the United Nations acting force. It was added, Dr. John, who left Rhodes by air today to investigate the Transjordan charges of Israeli incursions across the frontier, is expected to arrive at the southern Transjordan port of Akaba on Saturday.

Transjordan and Israel signed a formal cease fire in Rhodes

earlier today after pressure from Dr. Bunche to avert a complete breakdown of their armistice talks over military activity in the Negev "wedge."

In Tel-Aviv, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, accused the Arab Legion of sending a small patrol across the Israeli frontier, 25 miles north of the Gulf of Akaba, but dismissed it as a "minor incident." Shots were fired but no one was wounded, he said.

It was near this point on the frontier that the Amman authorities yesterday charged Israeli forces with driving five miles into Transjordan territory.

There was no further news of fighting in the Southern Negev. The Israeli-Transjordan cease fire will be effective until superseded by a general armistice. It extends the scope of the Jerusalem cease fire in effect since November, but does not cover the Central Palestine "Arab Triangle," occupied by Transjordan's Iraqi allies.

**BUNCHE'S WARNING**  
Dr. Bunche warned both sides yesterday that he would charge them with a breach of the Security Council's cease fire order if they carried on military activities in the Akaba area.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Sharett, firmly denied charges that Israeli forces had crossed the Transjordan frontier and said their movements were strictly confined to Israeli territory.

Israeli troops had made no contact with British troops stationed at Akaba, Mr. Sharett said. Israel had assured the British Government "some days ago" that there was no question of any Israeli initiative against these British troops.

Nevertheless, Israel still considered their presence in Akaba unwarranted, he added. Emphasising that Akaba port was an "Arab territory," Mr. Sharett said, "The entire Israeli Negev is in our hands and I hope it is well guarded."

The United Nations Mediator, Dr. Bunche, had been asked to speed up the sending of United Nations observers to Israeli-held Eilat, at the Gulf of Akaba, to "witness for themselves that there have been no aggressions or incursions," Mr. Sharett said.

**COMMONS STATEMENT**  
In London, the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNair, told Parliament today that the British force at Akaba could "call on every available support."

"I think it is not anticipated that a call will be made, except in the contingency of a direct threat to our forces, which we earnestly hope will not occur."

"The situation has been urgently reported to the acting Mediator by the Transjordan Government. It is not yet known what report the United Nations observers have made on these events."

"No British forces have been involved in any action. The Foreign Secretary would prefer not to make any further statement until the reports of the United Nations observers are available."—Reuter.

## Fighting Near Mandalay

### Communications Severed

Rangoon, Mar. 11.—Heavy fighting raged tonight between Government troops and Karen insurgents in the outskirts of Mandalay, the ancient capital of Burma, according to the latest reports reaching here.

Telegraphic communications with Mandalay has been cut, it was officially learned. A communiqué earlier stated that the Karens were attacking Government troops 13 miles north of Mandalay after their occupation of the nearby Army centre of Maymyo on Wednesday.

One hundred and twenty-two British civilians, some Americans and 92 members of the British Service Mission have been evacuated from Maymyo to Rangoon by air, including 46 women and children.

Catalina aircraft has evacuated eight British civilians from Mandalay. Others have declined to be evacuated.

### GOVERNMENT CLAIM

An official spokesman of the Government stated that the Karens were advancing along the Mandalay-Maymyo road, apparently to relieve a force encircled at Myingye to the south. The communiqué claimed the Government was "in control" of all the areas between Tounpoo and Meiktila—central Burmese towns about 140 miles apart, lying between Mandalay and Rangoon.

Government troops "advanced into the enemy lines" in the Kyaukse district south of Myingye, it said. It claimed "heavy casualties" on the rebels in clashes near Maubin in the Irrawaddy Delta between Rangoon and Bassein.

In the Hengyue district, about 80 miles north-west of Rangoon, two small towns had been recaptured. The communiqué added that "Karen and Communist rebels were concentrating" in Imnabi, about 15 miles north of Imsein.

The evacuated wives and families of the British Service Mission to Burma were expected in Penang by air this evening.—Reuter.

## Chinese Reds Unconvinced

Nanking, Mar. 12.—The resignation of Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet did not mean that the Kuomintang Government would be "any less reactionary," the North Shensi Communist Radio said last night in the first Communist comment on the three-day old resignation of the Sun Fo Government.

Dr. Sun Fo's "ridiculous attitude" of demanding "glorious peace" in the "struggle for power with the so-called Acting President Li Tsung-jen," the Radio claimed, "is representative of a large part of the Kuomintang Government."

The Radio said Dr. Sun's resignation contained a confession of misdeeds of the Kuomintang, which "oppressed the people and continued to wage war."

It went on to claim that Acting President Li Tsung-jen and his close supporter, General Pai Chung-hsi, were in close contact with the United States military authorities and agents of other powers.—Reuter-AAP.

### ELEVEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Brunswick, Germany, March 11.—Eleven persons were killed and 30 injured in an explosion in the Watenstedt Steel Works near Slazgitter, south of Brunswick.

The police said that the explosion in the scrap iron smashing plant was probably caused by an air hammer hitting a mine concealed in the pile of scrap.—United Press.

## SINGLE CURRENCY FOR WESTERN BERLIN

London, Mar. 11.—The West German Deutsche mark will be the sole legal currency in the Western sectors of Berlin before the end of this month, it was learned from a usually reliable source today.

At present the Soviet Eastern mark and the Western mark, surcharged "B", both circulate in Western Berlin. The circulation of the "B" mark is restricted to Berlin and cannot be used in the Western Zones of Germany.

The replacement of the "B" mark by the Deutsche mark will, it is hoped, encourage economic co-operation between Berlin and the West. The Soviet mark will cease to be legal, a course advocated for a long time by German political leaders in Western Berlin.

The Deutsche mark and the "B" mark were introduced by the Western occupation authorities during the Soviet-opposed currency reform last June.

This latest decision is believed to have been discussed by Professor Ernst Reuter, Mayor of Berlin, when he met Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, last month.—Reuter.

## Atlantic Alliance: All's Fine; Full Agreement

Washington, Mar. 11.—The eight nations negotiating the Atlantic Military Alliance were reported on Friday to have agreed on the final draft. Baron Silvercruys, the Belgian Ambassador, told reporters: "It's all fine, agreed and everything."

The Ambassadors of the eight countries had just met with U.S. Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson for two hours and 20 minutes. The Belgian Ambassador said the text of the defence agreement probably would be published next Friday.

The negotiations here reached an agreement last week on the text. Presumably, the Ambassador's remarks meant that the final draft had been approved by the home governments of all the negotiators.

Baron Silvercruys said the member countries probably would sign the mutual defence treaty during the first week in April.

"A number of the Foreign Ministers that can will attend the signing," he added. He said the signing would be in Washington.

There is a possibility that Denmark may come into the Alliance before the signing. Her Foreign Minister is here to learn the terms under which the country could join it.—Associated Press.

**ITALY TO JOIN**  
Rome, Mar. 11.—The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, tonight told Parliament that his Cabinet had unanimously agreed to adhere to the Atlantic Pact and to take part in the final discussions on its terms. This agreement was reached at a Cabinet meeting this morning, he said.

Signor De Gasperi said participation did not necessarily mean participation in war. "If the terrible hypothesis on war does come true, it is possible that one of the participating States might have other functions than that of actually waging war," he told Senators and Deputies of his Christian Democracy Party.

His statement declined to amplify his statement, but expected that the Premier would expand it in his speech on foreign policy.

The Italian news agency, Ansa, gives this version of the Premier's references to Italy's position in the event of a war: "Participation in the Atlantic Pact does not necessarily signify participation in war. Even in case of a war breaking out, one of the participants might have other functions than exactly that of fighting the war."

**THE CHIEF AIMS**  
Signor De Gasperi, in his statement to Parliament, emphasised the three main aims of the Pact as:

- 1.—Mutual resistance.
- 2.—Consultations among member nations when one is a victim of aggression or threatened aggression.
- 3.—In case of an armed aggression against one member, the others, individually or collectively, would take the necessary measures to maintain peace.

"We can assure the Chamber that the pact has been conceived within the framework of the United Nations as a pledge of solidarity in favour of peace and the security of the participating countries," he said.

"In democratic countries, intervention in an armed conflict is linked with Parliament decision," Signor De Gasperi said. "The pact does not foresee an

## Ho Accepts Premiership For The Second Time

Nanking, Mar. 12.—General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence, decided again to accept Acting President Li Tsung-jen's nomination that he should succeed Mr. Sun Fo as the new Nationalist Premier, it was authoritatively learned here early this morning.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen is expected to notify the Legislative Yuan of General Ho's nomination later this morning and to seek the Legislative Yuan's approval.

General Ho's final acceptance followed lengthy discussions running to a late hour yesterday with General Chang Chih-chung, General Pai Chung-hsi, Mr. Ku Cheng-tung and Mr. Wu Chung-shan, who earlier flew to Chungking where General Ho is staying temporarily.

Shortly after their arrival, it was reported that General Ho Ying-chin had reconsidered his earlier acceptance of Acting President Li's nomination, and was hesitating whether he should agree to become Premier.

### PERSUADED

General Chang's party is understood to have persuaded him to accept the post. The party and General Ho are returning to Nanking today.

Just prior to the news of General Ho's final acceptance, it was reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who has retired, had reluctantly agreed to approve General Ho's nomination.

As leader of the Whampoa Military Academy clique of the Kuomintang, General Ho is regarded as the second most influential military leader in Nationalist China and is expected by observers to command support from important Nationalist Army leaders in the negotiations for peace with the Communists and in implementing the peace terms.

The terms are expected to necessitate sweeping changes in the Nationalist Army organisation and control, and require strong Nationalist leadership to ensure that they were fulfilled.—Reuter-AAP.

## Britain In A Better Position

London, Mar. 11.—Britain's recovery with Marshall Aid last quarter "justifies reasonable satisfaction," according to a British Government report issued here today.

Quarterly reports on the operations of Marshall Aid are required by the United States Act and by the Anglo-American Economic Co-operation Agreement.

The reports said that "the United Kingdom must have approached very close to a position of overall balance—though not dollar balance—in the international payments during the fourth quarter of 1948."—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Somewhat Unseemly Haste

**I**NTRODUCTION in Legislative Council this week of a Bill to amend the Emergency Regulations Ordinance of 1922 has been a disingenuous reminder to the public that there is on the Statute Book a law which, given certain conditions, affords the Colony's Chief Executive what amounts to complete dictatorial powers over the lives and property of Hongkong citizens. Under the proposed amended Ordinance the Governor can, having proclaimed a state of emergency, authorise entry into and search of premises, requisition property, control businesses, and conscript labour for any form of service. Here is a sharp reminder that individual rights and freedom are permissible only under a particular set of circumstances; that, given different conditions, they no longer exist. It is not denied that in the event of an emergency the Authorities must be endowed with special powers that will guarantee, as far as possible, the security of Hongkong. But the timing of the amended Ordinance is questionable. Psychologically it is likely to have a depressing effect. Only now is the Colony beginning to appreciate, once again, what it means to be free of laws and proclamations which bind the individual body and soul to the will of the State. Hongkong experienced four years of this under the Japanese, and

today is seeing the last vestiges of the special regulations which have proved so irksome during the past three and a half years. To be told at this moment that Government seeks more special powers of control over life and property is rather like rubbing salt into an unhealed wound. In introducing the measure, the Attorney General offered no reasons why it is considered necessary at this time to add further sweeping powers to a Bill already embracing. Such reasons may exist, but they are not apparent, and because of this there is reluctance to regard the new legislation with equanimity. There will be opportunity to debate the measure before it has its final reading, and the public would be grateful for further information. Normally powers such as are being given under the amended Ordinance are not sought by a Government until an emergency which makes them desirable is imminent. There are no such apparent signs; wherefore by the introduction of legislation at this time, the impression is given of unseemly haste on the part of the Authorities to become endowed with supreme powers. Extraordinary executive powers can be voted to the Governor when the need arises. Until then it does the populace no harm to feel that its constitutional rights will remain unpaired.

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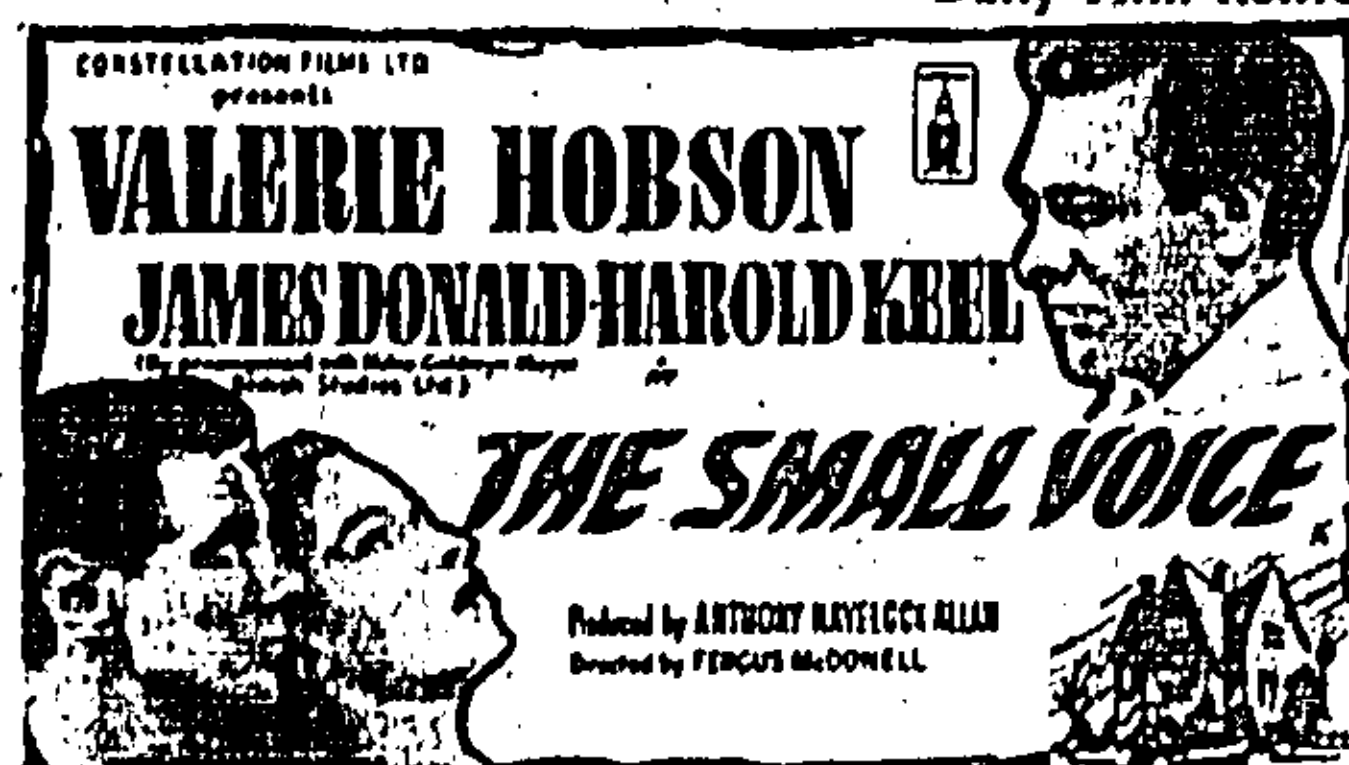


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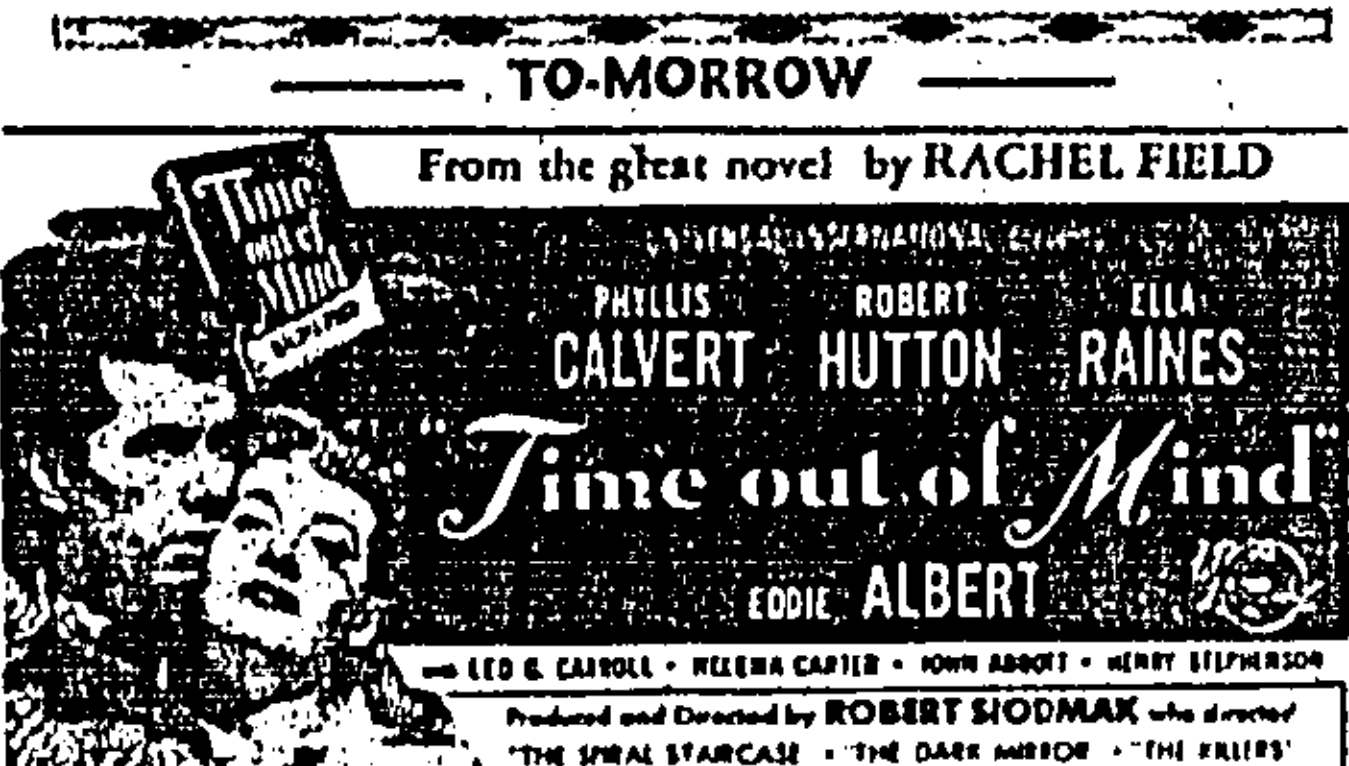
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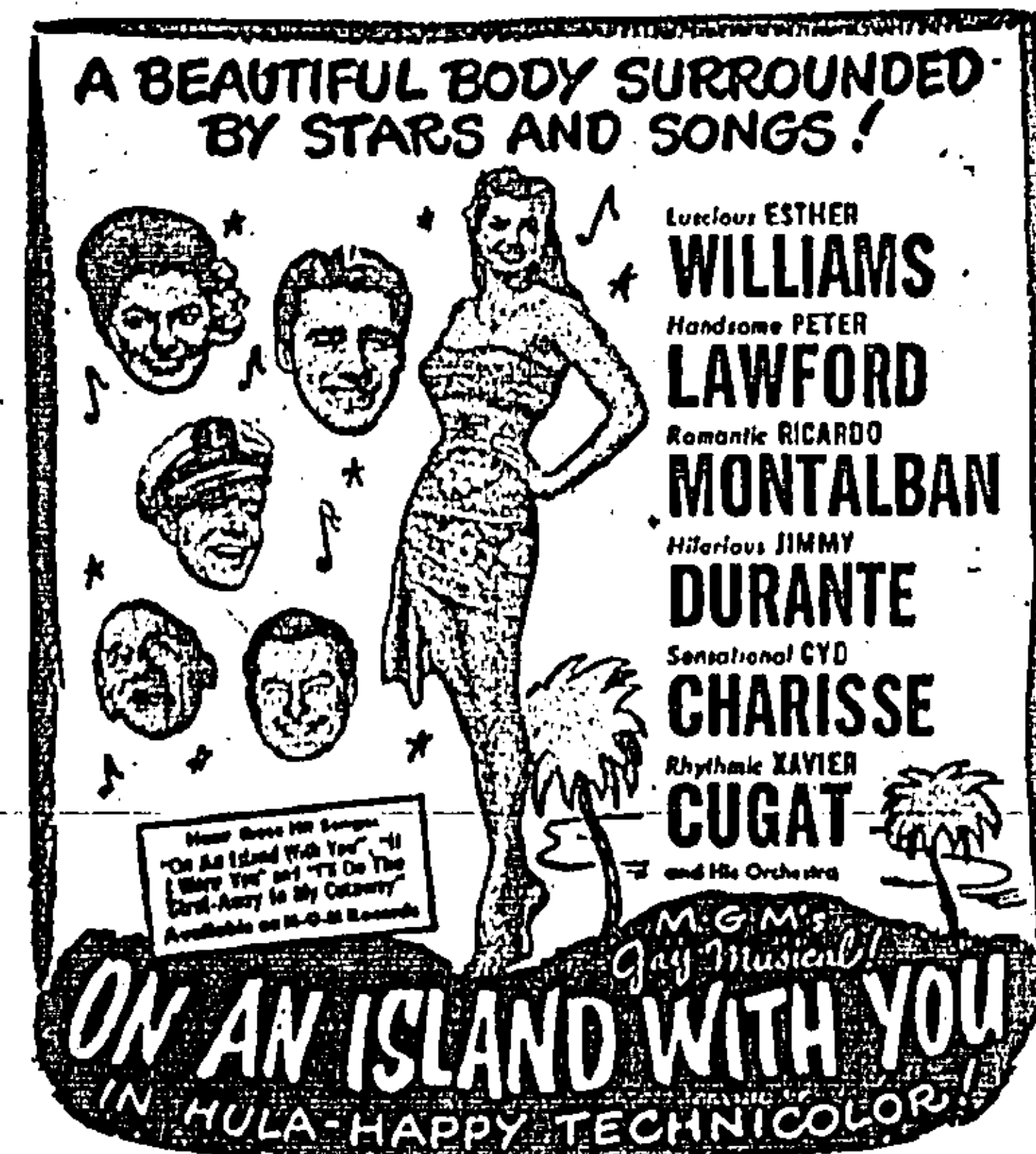
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British Film Chiefs Give  
Youth A Chance

By L. S. Wallace

**T**ALENT is the life blood of any film industry; and to ensure that this blood stream flows continuously a constant intake of young people is necessary.

During the war years Britain won its respected world film status through the work of established artists and technicians. Those veterans have kept Britain's industry at a high level of achievement ever since.

They are most of them still at work. Established artists are producing films like "Hamlet", "Oliver Twist", "The Full Monty" and "Scott of the Antarctic".

## Long-Term Policy:

**T**HEY will go on for many years producing such films, acting in them and directing them. But recently some producers have given thought to a long term policy and have begun to find young people to carry on the tradition.

So it happens that Britain's studios now contain young people who are being given big and important chances not only as stars but as directors and technicians.

For instance "Man on the Run" the story of the adventures of an army deserter and his eventual redemption, has as its stars Joan Hopkins and Derek Farr. Joan has already appeared in one or two pictures, notably "The First Gentleman", but in this one, a fast moving modern story, she gets the star's part which is in tune with up-to-date cinema appetites. She is little known to picturegoers, although she has had a steady theatrical career, mainly in repertory work.

Her partner, Derek Farr was building up a film career when war interrupted his work, and it is only recently that he has moved back to major parts.

Another film which gives young performers a chance is "Saints and Sinners", a story of small-town Irish folk, their friendships, quarrels and loves.

Kieron Moore, the leading man, had been given important parts in "Man about the House" and "Anna Karenina", but his best performance yet has been in "Mino Town Excitement", in which he played a war hero who had been psychologically upset as a prisoner.

"Saints and Sinners", which carries on his development as a star, is a big step forward, and gives him a different sort of character to play, something closer to his own Irish nature. It is the sort of part which

through its humanity and humour, can make the man who plays it into a popular star overnight. None of Kieron's previous roles has possessed that quality.

Two young ladies also get useful parts in this picture. They are Christine Norden and Sheila Manahan. The former has already made several minor appearances; but now she has really an important character to play. Miss Manahan, a newcomer is being given her first chance.

"Helter Skelter", an example of the kind of lively comedy which many British studios are turning out just now, provides a first rate example of enterprising star build-up in the person of Carol Marsh.

## Exacting Role:

**S**HE has already given two performances which have impressed critics as a pathetic waitress in "Brighton Rock" and as Alice, the only human character in a French-made puppet version of Lewis Carroll's "Children's Story". Now her producers, gambling on her versatility, have given her a most exacting role in "Helter Skelter".

She plays a girl with hiccups; and all through the picture she has to make that involuntary noise from the throat to order and yet remain charming and amusing.

Two other young people who also get important parts in this film are David Tomlinson, who in two or three small performances has established himself as a first rate light comedian; and Peter Hammond, who plays a nice ordinary young man better than most nice young men.

"Helter Skelter" is being made by a young director, Ralph Thomas, who has recently graduated from his duties of assistant. For him it is a difficult

first attempt at full control because a fantastic comedy of this kind is extremely tricky to handle. The light whimsicality of the series of odd adventures suffered by the heroine in her quest of a cure for hiccups can so easily be allowed to degenerate into a mere knockabout.

## Biggest Chance:

**A**NOTHER young man—Ralph Aspinall—is also getting his biggest chance as a director, just now. He is responsible for the making of "A Boy, A Girl And A Bike," a story of cycling set in the hills and dales of Yorkshire, and dealing with the rivalry between cycling clubs as well as romance in the open air.

Much of the work on this film was done on the location in North England. Controlling a full unit of players and technicians, 200 miles away from the home studio, and coping with the unreliable British weather, is valuable experience for the young director.

Smart has done an excellent job and is now back in the studios completing the picture. His cast is largely a young one too. Notable in it is Honor Blackman, a girl from the original J. Arthur Rank training group, the "Company of Youth", who recently scored a minor hit in "The Allen Corn", one of the four Somerset Maugham short stories put together in a film with the overall title of "Quartet".

## Secret of Success:

**T**HESE examples indicate clearly the spirit of enterprise among the majority of British producers. They not only recognise the need for new talent and so introduce new faces and new brains, but they also develop the talent intelligently and progressively.

To find talent and develop it, whether it is acting skill, the ability to direct, photograph, manipulate sound machinery, or create settings—that is the policy. Youth carefully blended with experience is the secret of success in any industry. Britain's film makers are demonstrating their belief in that recipe.

The New Mills  
Rings The Bell

By Stephen Watts

**J**OHN MILLS, who could have sat back and let the pounds—most of them in the form of sixpences, after taxation—roll in as the natural tribute to Britain's top male star, has by daring and energy opened up a new career for himself. Two new careers, in fact. With "The History of Mr Polly" he becomes a film producer. So he has banished the actor's eternal problem of what to do when the years bring into operation the economic process known as the law of diminishing returns.

And by his performance as "H. C. Wells's" famous "Little Man" he has established himself as a character actor, even a character comedian, revealing a range of ability far beyond the average star.

## The Shabby Romantic

**M**IND you, "Polly" will be a controversial picture. How will Mills fans take their hero as a shabby, pathetic-romantic, dyspeptic Victorian small shopkeeper with a nagging wife? I believe Mills's performance, which is endearing, touching, and funny, plus the charm and originality of the film, will win them. Will the people to whom Mr Polly is one of the funniest and most beloved old friends find the film worthy of the book? I found it remarkably faithful to Wells, in atmosphere, character, and dialogue. Even the comedy, which is broad, by modern screen standards, is right, because Wells's comedy was broad. It is an impressively stylish first film for a new director, Anthony Pellissier, who also adapted the book, a notable achievement in itself.

## Two Good Performances

**T**WO actresses are likely to find their screen careers considerably enhanced through "Mr Polly", and both in unglamorous parts. Betty Ann Davies is admirably slatternly and uncompromising as the nagging wife, and Mera Jenkins is enchanting as the cozy innkeeper whom Wells bluntly called "the fat woman." Miss Jenkins has an unusual success story of her own. At two, she was stricken with infantile paralysis. All through her childhood she had a leg in irons. But her mother refused to treat her as a cripple, had her taught dancing. When at last she was cured she had only a slight limp which I defy anybody to notice today on the screen.

## The Party's Off

**A** BANQUET for 2,000 people at six guineas a head has been called off in Hollywood. Oscars for 1948, those statuettes worth much more than their weight in gold so far as publicity goes, were to have been awarded for the winning pictures and performances.

The cancellation and the row following it reveal a big divergence in outlook on the present state of the film world.

One view, the official one, is that such a spectacular function would be out of place now. Violently opposed are those who think this is the very time to put on a show and let the world know Hollywood is still Hollywood.

The facts of the situation are not in dispute. The actors' union reported last year that only 600 of its 8,500 members had contracts, and the situation has admittedly deteriorated.

But Hollywood is still Hollywood. I have just seen two news items side by side, one listing studio economies, and the other reporting that Paulette Goddard has a £4,400 a week guaranteed for "Anna Lucasta."

## Poor Miss Hayworth

**F**RANKLY, I am sorry for Rita Hayworth—which surprises me as much as it may you. Just when she needed most to stabilise her screen position along comes "The Loves of Carmen," easily ranking as the most preposterous picture of the year. This Carmen is the best-laundered, coiffured and dandified gipsy you ever saw. She does nothing but wiggle her bare shoulders and roll her eyes in arch enunciation of every screen siren of history. If Miss H. survives this she can survive anything.

## Interesting Flashback

**F**ROM the 21 years history of "Spotlight," the directory from which many film and theatre parts are cast, editor Rodney Millington picks this story. In 1930 he lined up an actor and actress for a repertory company in Aberdeen. One wouldn't go without her husband, the other had a fiancé. All four were engaged.

Names: Elsiebeth Marsh and Stewart Granger, Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray. Total weekly pay was £42.



**M**OIRA SHEARER, star of the new British picture "The Red Shoes", which will have its first showing at the Queen's on Wednesday. Hailed as one of the most original and ambitious films ever made in Britain, "The Red Shoes" was written, produced and directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. In Technicolor, it has as its highlight a 13½-minute ballet based on the Hans Anderson fairy tale of the same name. In addition to Miss Shearer, the film stars two other famous dancers: Leonide Massine and Robert Helpmann.

Most Beautiful Of  
British Exports  
FROM FREDERICK COOK

**I** HAVE just had a date with the most beautiful of British exports, Miss Madeleine Carroll—all alone except for two maids, three moving men, a theatrical agent and a casual caller.

When I went to see her in her penthouse high above the East River, the general idea was to talk about the theatre. It did not quite work out that way. I found her in the midst of a mound of furniture.

"Yesterday," she said breathlessly, "I went mad. Went to a sale and bought all this stuff. I'd nowhere to put it, so it had to come here. You won't mind if the storage men come and take it away while we talk, will you?"

They came, all three of them, with hats, smelly cigars, three-day beards and gruff voices. They yanked the chair Miss Carroll was sitting on—which was all right with me, for then she had to come over and join me on the sofa. They tore down pictures and carried off tables.

## 'MY CHATEAU'

Miss Carroll—in between instructing them in American, answering me in English, talking with one maid in French and the other in Spanish—was telling me not about the theatre but mainly, I gathered, about her pink 15th century chateau in the Ile de France—a subject she finds far more fascinating than Broadway's glitter.

She was saying: "I loved to explore the rooms. (Yes, all right, that chair can go.) One had a thick wall at the end, and I often wondered what was beyond but never got around to finding out."

"In 1941 the Germans came. (No, please, that one.) They

forced my old Polish gardener to go round with them tapping the walls.

"Sure enough, they found this one. Howlow! They knocked it down, and what do you suppose they found? A wonderful wine cellar dating from 1870, full of marvellous stuff I hadn't even known was there."

## DRANK THE LOT

"I know it was wonderful by the labels and empty bottles that were all that was left when I got back. They drank the lot. They would, wouldn't they?"

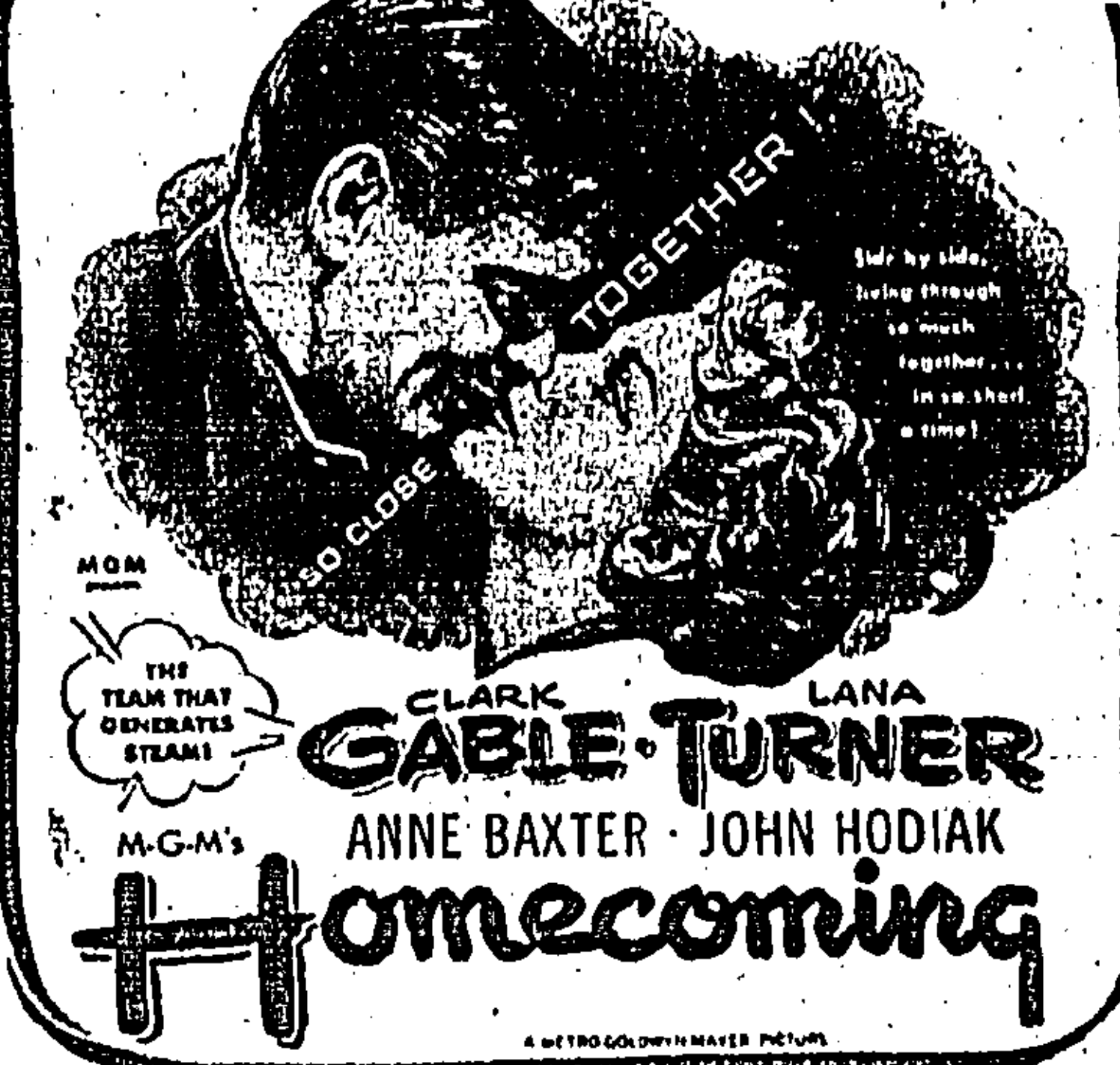


Madeleine Carroll, not only the loveliest woman on the Broadway stage, is also by far the busiest. She is working for the Red Cross, the Unitarians, the Quakers, the Council of Christians and Jews, and especially for the welfare of children everywhere.

She is playing lead in Good-bye My Fancy and in "What does it really matter to you and me?" "What does it really matter to you and me?" she said severely, outwardly still far from the foggy stage. "What does matter is the children."

Miss Carroll is planning a quick trip to England in July to see her mother and father at Bromley.

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## ARCTIC DIARY



## Six waves a minute for the blue-nose boys

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**FEB. 16** THIS frigate, proud of being the smallest surface ship in the force, crossed the Arctic Circle after three days of falling sideways down rollers—racing like a rush-hour crowd, from Greenland to Norway. The waves, counted by stopwatch and stomach, averaged six a minute—8,640 a day.

Like Itana's Sophie Tuckshop, we are "all right now."

A south wind belies our blue-nose certificates, but spray is beginning to freeze on the stanchions.

**WISERACK OF THE DAY:** From the bridge to Frank Evans, recently-sensitised Admiralty civilian observer, after an exceptionally heavy roll: "Compliments of the officer of the watch and regrets he was unable to dodge that one."

To the northward, destroyers Gabbard and St Kitts were in a quiz match by radio-telephone.

## 20,000 ft. up

**FEB. 17** MET Vengeance off the snow-covered 7,000-foot-high Jan Mayen Island, Norwegian meteorological outpost. First day of Arctic flying. Lieutenant (A) Keith Shepherd observes a super blue-nose certificate for taking a Sea Vampire jet to 20,000 ft., where the temperature (estimated at 90 degrees of frost) and remarking on his return: "The heater was not working. It was pretty nippy."

## Rope journey

**FEB. 18** I CROSSED to Vengeance, standing in a rope stirrup ed.

hauled over 50 yards of angry sea with merciful speed. Only a day excursion was intended, but a heavy swell defeated the return attempt and so I had the doubtful distinction of appearing among dinner-time bow-ties in battle dress, submariner's jersey and sea-boots.

In dormitory tonight friends of popular young Lieutenant Donald Elliott, killed when a Sea Otter crashed over the ship's side were quietly packing his gear: conversation was "off."

## Guinea-pigs

**FEB. 19** WATCHED cine-camera making time-and-motion study of guinea-pig gun-crew to establish efficiency decline under prolonged exposure.

On the signal deck Mr Harry Kay, Cambridge psychologist, was checking strength and dexterity with grip-meter and nuts and bolts as the men's hands got colder.

The ship's champion guinea-pigs are Ordinary Sea man John Lewis, aged 18, of Mount Street, Cleckheaton, Yorks, and Able Seaman Tony Hathaway, aged 20, of Lion Land, Haslemere, Surrey.

They spend three hours daily on the flight deck in gale-strength winds, ten skin-heat measuring leads attached to their arms, legs, and bodies. To simulate the waiting and working periods of flight deck parties, they sit still one hour.

South African Dr E. A. Wyndham, of Oxford University climatic unit, is making these tests of different types of protective clothing.

**FEB. 20** OFFICERS, observers, seamen, were detailed for pulley haul teams on the flight deck to bring 100 loads of stores across from refilling tanker Wave Premier, but gales halted operations, and the watchers were sent off to return to rug-making, leather work, or their Sunday sleep.

The weather is cold by English standard, but is not what we need.

This anti-climax to the Arctic adventures is making us feel more red-faced than blue-nosed, so we console ourselves watching a Ginger Rogers film in duflie coats and sea boots.

## Beard value

**FEB. 21** MORE gales and frustration. Refuelling again abandoned. The most quizzed man in the ship is black-bearded Lieutenant John Booth from Bedhampton, Hampshire, the meteorological officer.

His records show gale winds at a maximum of 70 miles an hour averaging 12 hours daily. The barometric graph looks as angry as the New York skyline.

Tea-time discussion today was between three research men on the Arctic value of their experimental 10-day beards. They repudiate the theory that these will be uncomfortable in freezing spray, and claim a suitable ice-coating on the outer beard will seal an insulating layer of warm air round the face.

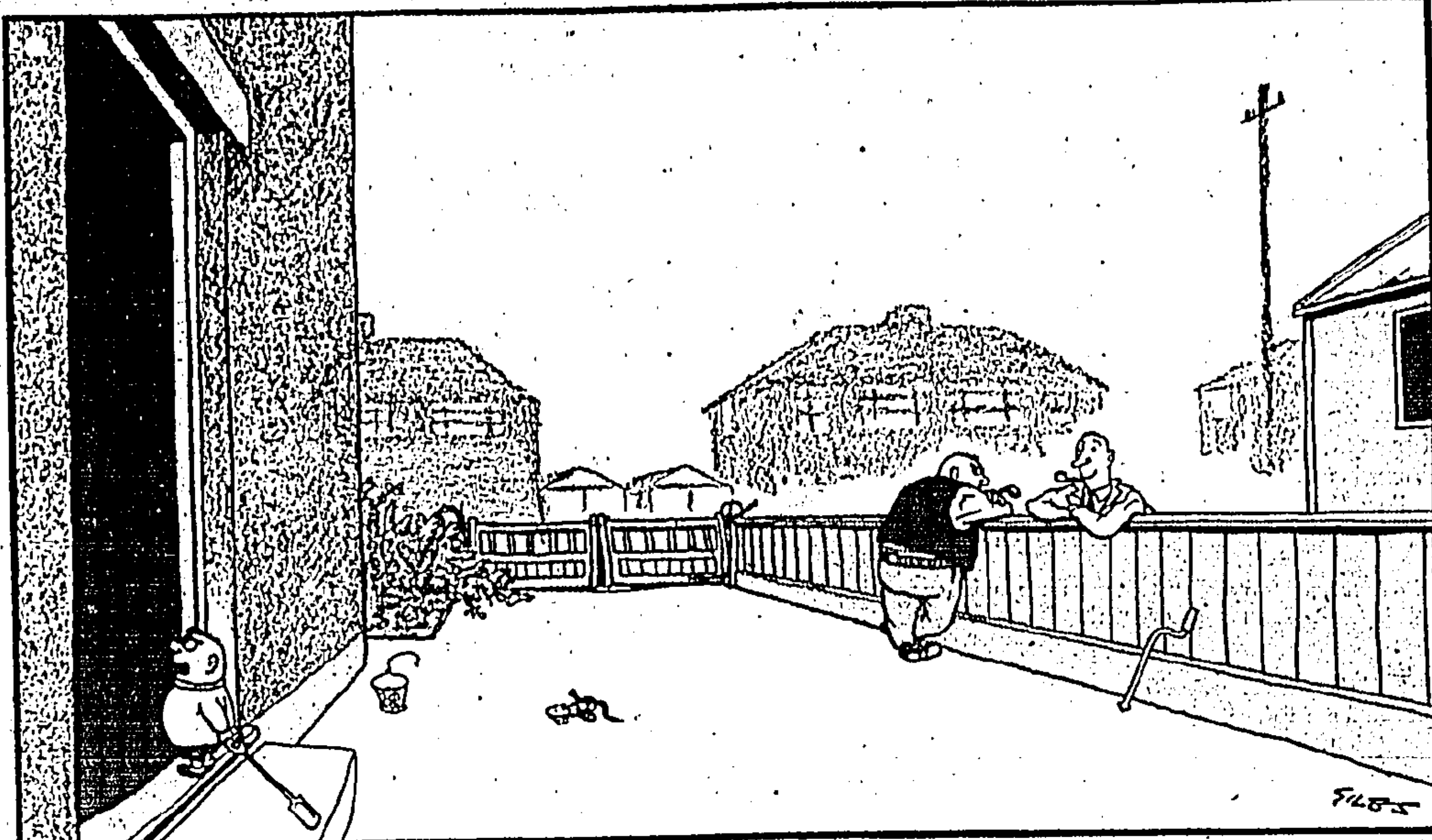
They declined the challenge that shave half the face only to test the relative warmth of each half in icy conditions.

## To all wives...

**FEB. 22** THE only ice in sight is selling briskly in the ship's canteen.

Here is a memo to the wives, mothers, and sweethearts of the 2,000 crew of the Arctic Force. The ships have not despatched any mail since sailing, but if weather permits a transfer of mails to the Wave Premier and the Loch Arkaig letters may be expected soon.

So far the Vengeance champion letter-writer, 10-year-old starling Dennis Wilde, of Greetland, Yorks, has written 54 letters with an average of six pages each.



"Mum! I heard Dad tell the man next door that if Gaitskill lets us have petrol for Easter he's going to break the back axle rather than take us to the seaside"

## AFTER ORANGES—WHAT?



EVERY DAY thousands more Israelis—a typical task is pictured above—stream into Palestine. Their task: to build an economical and political life for their young country.

Egypt, first of the warring Arab States to negotiate, has signed an armistice with Israel. When the remaining Arab States make settlements the countries of the Near East will once more be at peace. After nine months of strife comes this assessment of Israel's task.

BY ERIC GREY

## TEL-AVIV.

ASK AN Israeli if his new State can survive and he will look at you in shocked amazement. Hasn't he just beaten four Arab armies and Mr Bevin?

Ask him how Israel is going to live. "That's a good question," he says. "You tell me."

Nine out of ten people do not know the answer yet (though none doubts that an answer, and a good one, can be found). The tenth is Mr Cohen, who keeps the café round the corner from the Press office where we British and American correspondents work in Tel-Aviv.

Mrs Cohen is famous for her borsch, which her mother taught her to make in their native Russia. On fine days Mr Cohen lays a table for you on the terrace and you can lunch with the glittering postcard blue Mediterranean spread before you.

"Have some cream in your borsch?" he said to me. Then: "Go on, have some. You won't get it much longer."

That had a familiar ring. No cream in the soup, no eggs and bacon for breakfast, meat once a week, dark bread instead of white, your clothes rationed: in one word, austerity.

Israel is going to get a double dose of it—on the British pattern—and it may last as long as Britain's.

## BRITISH CUSTOM FOR ORANGES

No one will tell me what 15 months of war against the Arabs has cost this little country. It is a State secret. But the result is written large. In the cost-of-living index. Since the fighting began, it has more than doubled. And that is only what the official figures tell you.

Food prices have almost trebled. No family man I know here earns less than £12 a week. The new immigrants, who are picking jaffas in the orange belt just now, get that much. And they spend at least ten of it on food.

Israel plans to import about half the food she needs this year—£220 million worth. How is she going to pay for it? The orange crop is worth £3 million to £5 million—and it is the only cash crop in the country.

The growers at least are sure of selling it. They are not worried by the fact that they rely on Britain to buy the bulk of it, although Israel remains outside the sterling area.

They got no Imperial Preference when Palestine was coloured red on the map. Britain paid the same rates for Jaffa orange as for Spanish.

But they are confident Britain will continue to buy because she needs oranges and Israel needs sterling—which she spends entirely on food within the Empire.

Now in terms of food imports alone that still leaves a gap of £15 million odd, a vast sum for tiny Israel. How will the Jews fill it? Half Israel's territory is still barren desert.

In Haifa port any day of the week you will see the new Israelis coming in by the thousand. Since British rule ended 130,000 have landed—more than seven times the annual quota allowed in the old days.

## FIRST SOURCE OF STRENGTH

THIS year alone more than 200,000 immigrants are expected, which means the population will increase by 20 percent.

More mouths to feed? Yes, but more hands, skill, and more brains to work.

In continued immigration Israel sees the first source of strength and ability to live. So when a senior member of the Government tells you, "We are going to build 70 factories this year," or "We shall put 1,000 square miles of desert land under cultivation, we shall dam the River Jordan and divert its course and irrigate the Negev," you know he is not just talking Middle East hot air.

At least 20 percent of immigrants will be directed to the land.

The second expected source of strength is the flow of capital. Israel will attract as a country of development. That will upset the trade balance even further, because capital will come in the form of goods—tractors and combines, power plants, irrigation pipes, and machinery.

But every country went through that stage in its period of early development. The United States had an unfavourable trade balance for years.

## MONEY GIFTS FROM ABROAD

AS a borrowing country Israel is in a singularly fortunate position: she gets money gifts from Jews all over the world.

The Government's estimate is that Israel will need £925 million in the next seven years. Of that amount Israel expects to get £250 million in gifts.

For the last two years gift dollars from the United States alone have been running at £25 million annually. £250 million from private investors

and £125 million in commercial credits such as the first loan of the Export-Import Bank for 100 million dollars (£25 million), all of which is to be spent in capital goods in the United States.

The solution to Israel's problem, therefore, lies in the continued flow of manpower and capital. "So long as we get both smoothly for the next five to ten years, and put them to productive use, we can live," say the Israeli leaders.

They have no illusions about "soft" living on borrowed capital. Rigorous taxation of luxury goods has already been imposed. A national housing company is putting up 20,000 housing units this year at a cost of £20 million—but it is planning on housing three and a half persons per room.

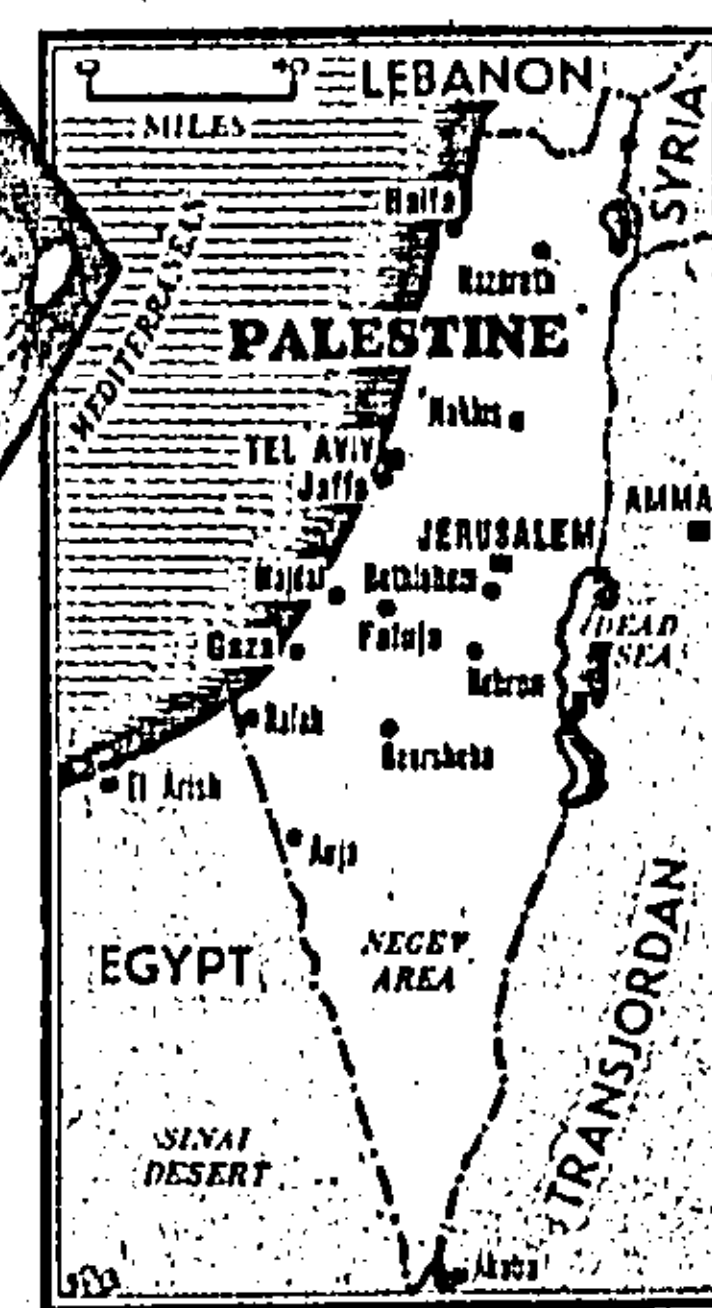
## DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

MY findings: Israel is planning to develop her few natural resources to the utmost. Potash will no longer be exported raw from Dead Sea deposits. A £500,000 company founded recently in Tel-Aviv will process it first.

Industrial development will be based on raw materials which are of small weight, e.g., diamonds, or which are only a fraction of the value of the finished product, such as optical instruments.

Industrialists are thinking in terms of Mediterranean and European markets, not just of Middle East markets.

Bankers are loth to return to the sterling area if it means turning Israel's dollars over to



PROMISED LAND The borders are one step nearer settlement.

the Empire pool. But they are anxious to stabilise the Israeli pound at par with sterling in terms of dollars, and ready to allow private investors to collect their income in Israel and export it in hard currency.

A Tourist boom is anticipated, and Americans are already in the field planning a chain of luxury hotels.

Labour is willing to freeze wages if the Government will impose rigorous price controls.

Most important of all in a country where trades unions are the primary political force, labour is willing to forgo some privileges and to co-operate with capital in tightening its belt and accepting austerity for the next five to ten years.

Thus, given ten years of peace, the Jews can and will make a going concern of their little State. They like cream in their borsch, but they are willing to live without it for a while.

## C.V.R. Thompson A to Z in one shot

NEW YORK. A GANGSTER'S accident—fatal death broke up plans for an all-out gang war in New York's suburbs.

Stanley Fox, a leader of Brooklyn's Black Hat gang, had reason to believe that the rival Musketeers gang was after him. He decided to buy a new gun. A salesman brought him a trick one. Its holster was a hollowed out dictionary, which could be carried under the arm without arousing suspicions.

Fox was trying it out when the gun went off and killed him. That brought the police. And after questioning Fox's comrades the police made a series of raids.

They captured the arsenals of both gangs. Their loot, eight pistols, six revolvers, and one pistol, a number of home-made guns, a dozen knives, including a curved jungle knife, and ammunition.

The police also arrested seven members of the rival gang, whom they suspect of being ringleaders.

When they appeared in court these suspected gangsters were accompanied by their parents. The reason: They are all teenagers, the average age being 17. Stanley Fox was 15.

APRIL is the month which is expected to show if the present American buying slump is here to stay. So an Illinois firm gave its 1,900 workers £12 each and asked them to wait until May before asking for a rise.

BABIES should be fed a diet including meat after six weeks, says a medical report sponsored by America's meat industry. Doctors tested two sets of babies, one fed on meat, the other on a normal diet. The meat-fed babies slept better, showed less tendency toward anaemia, and were generally better physically.

THE sandwich, typical lunch for a typical New Yorker, has become almost a rarity. And thousands of New Yorkers have to eat crackers (biscuits) instead of bread. Reason: A strike at the city's six biggest bakeries.

AN Englishman, and a Socialist M.P. at that, is writing to American newspapers, and anti-British newspapers at that, to say that Britain's good old days are gone for ever. Mr R. W. G. Mackay (Soc., Kingston-upon-Hull) gets a whole column in the New York Daily News.

The News summarises a memorandum it received from him thus: "Mackay says the British Government still regards Britain as a first-class Power. It thinks that within a few years Britain will be back in trade and power where it was before World War II. Mackay calls this utter nonsense. Britain will be a second-class Power as long as it nurses the hope of recovering its former glories."

SHOW BUSINESS: Harold Lloyd, funny man of the silent days, is reissuing seven of his masterpieces, with sound tracks added to them. It will take Robert Mitchell all this year and next to earn enough to pay the lawyers who demanded £15-0 on those dope charges.

SHUTTERED VILLAS, 5/- BETS. POINT TO THE CRISIS ON THE RIVIERA...

## For the Casino—one slot machine

by Sam WHITE

PRINCE LOUIS OF MONACO—The gambling slump upsets his budget



CANNES. SOCIAL change is hitting the French Riviera. To aly fears and bolster their own hopes, the publicity agents are claiming that it has been the best winter season since the war.

They have captioned it The Season of the ex-Kings, in recognition of the simultaneous presence of the Duke of Windsor, ex-King Leopold of Belgium and ex-King Michael of Rumania.

But in deducing that the Riviera will revive as a fashionable paradise the publicity agents are misreading the signs. The people who made the Riviera no longer have the money; most of those who now have it do not spend it freely.

**Enter—the workers**

THE now rich have made the Riviera less fashionable, and much more difficult to maintain in its old luxury condition. And paid holidays, specially in France, bring tens of thousands of working-class families to the coast every summer.

The result is to be seen in the low stake gambling at the casinos, shuttered villas along the coast, and a winter season that is a mockery of the past, lasting barely two weeks.

customers pay by elaborate systems—but you see them leave the tables after winning or losing £5. Many of the famous panned sales prices are now shut—those sales prices from which Oppenheim characters walked out into the shrubbery to blow their brains out.

## Gamblers economise

EVEN more marked than the slump in casino takings, like almost all the Riviera casinos, Monte Carlo casino has been losing money ever since the war. Now Monaco statesmen, headed by Prince Louis II, are faced with the problem of balancing a budget, that was almost wholly financed by casino takings. They have even installed an American-made slot machine in one of the casino's gilded foyers.

Of the fabulous past only the beautifully-mannered Tarist General Polovtsov, the casino's master of ceremonies, and the Three Graces remain. The Three Graces were three Edwian beauties who were noted gamblers in their day. They still visit the casino and still gamble.

As for the General, one feels that he must have put up a tremendous rearguard action against that slot-machine.

## Prices drop

DECAY, too, is the dominant impression gained from a drive along the coast road. At least half the stately villas between Cannes and Monte Carlo are shuttered and for sale. Many are British-owned. Their owners are unable to maintain them or sell them owing to currency restrictions.

Prices are often absurdly low: £15,000 will buy the pick of them. One famous property

that has been for sale since the end of the war is Lord Derby's, with 20 servants' bedrooms.

Reluctantly, estate agents are putting into their advertisements the sentence, "This property is suitable for institutional purposes."

Hotels which have been known to generations of British visitors are being converted into flats. The biggest single blow to the Riviera was the British Government's imposition of currency restrictions on Britons going abroad. Their place as residents and visitors has never been filled.

## Steaks, champagne

NEVERTHELESS, the Riviera remains a highly polished social as well as scenic jewel. It still looks beautiful, the sun still shines.

So far this social beachhead of the Western world has been held tenaciously against all the forces arrayed against it, though few of the fashionable through doubt the inevitability of ultimate defeat.

The present winter season, limited though it was, still provided a fascinating glimpse of the world where steaks, scullies and champagne are staple diet, where nobody goes to bed before four, or lunches before three. A world of dukes and princes, maharajahs and millionaires. Here gossip is a full-time occupation, boredom a constant care, and not to be recognised, the dearest of insular virtues.

Current favourites at Riviera cocktail parties are two wealthy Californian twin brothers. One is writing a book, the other is indexing it. "We've got the psychology," they explained, "and we are just over here to find the characters to fit it."

They have come to the right place.

## Sammy the clerk is now king



The Omanhene

He must observe the code of ancestor-reverence, which lays down that places must be kept for the dead at all festive tables.

He will be called upon to smear sacrificial animal blood on the ancient stool which is the symbol of his office. But Sammy sleeps with a photograph of Einstein above his pillow.

He has a private army, which parades in paper-mache skirts and carries flintlocks.

Sammy can now afford to marry. Polygamy is dying out rapidly in his country because the price of a wife has trebled since the war.

A few years ago a bride could be bought for £7 10s., and some palm-wine. Now, even an illiterate girl costs about £25, educated ones £70 or more.

In order of social precedence in Sammy's kingdom are notaries, teachers, engineers, drivers, money-lenders, fitters, market-sellers, farmers, and fishermen.

About 25,000 people live in the town of Sekondi, part of which comes within his domain. It has modern villas and stores, corrugated iron and

Gerald Scheff





THREE pictures taken at the Polo and Hunt Club ball, held at Flagstaff House last week. In picture at top left are Air Commodore Davies, Group Captain Bone, Mrs Davies, Admiral Madden, Miss Davies and Mrs Bone. Left: Capt H. O. de Carlo, Mrs Cook, Major J. K. Reid, Miss E. S. Ming, Major T. Cook and Mrs de Carlo. Above: Mr and Mrs G. S. Kwok, Mr and Mrs Peter H. Sin and Mr and Mrs A. K. Chan. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CHIEF Health Inspector James Reid, who is leaving Hongkong on retirement with Mrs Reid (seated), accepts a farewell gift silver tea service from Mr Imam Din, representing overseers of the Urban Council, at a cocktail party held at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CAROL ANN, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Ostroumoff, was christened at St Joseph's Church last Saturday, when this picture was taken. (Ming Yuen)

THE 22nd Independent Platoon, Women's Royal Army Corps (WRAC), formerly Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS). Seated in centre is Junior Commander E. E. Connors. (Golden Studio)



MR Fung Kam-chung and Miss Young Suet-po, who were married last Saturday. The groom is the second son of Mr and Mrs Fung Sui, and the bride the fifth daughter of Mr and Mrs Young Fai-ting. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at St Teresa's Church after the christening of Kathleen Margaret, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs W. N. Budo. (Mainland Studio)



OFFICERS of the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regiment were made permanent honorary members of the Officers' Mess of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (Hongkong Regiment) at a ceremony at Hongkong Defence Force headquarters last Saturday. Col. L. T. Ride, Commandant of the HKDF, is seen above presenting plaques to Capt. B. J. Collins (left), of the Middlesex Regiment, and Major R. W. B. Cunningham, Royal Scots. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken at Queen Mary Hospital last week on the occasion of a farewell tea party given in honour of Miss F. A. Cranfield, senior matron, who is leaving the Colony. Miss Cranfield is seated seventh from right. (Ming Yuen)

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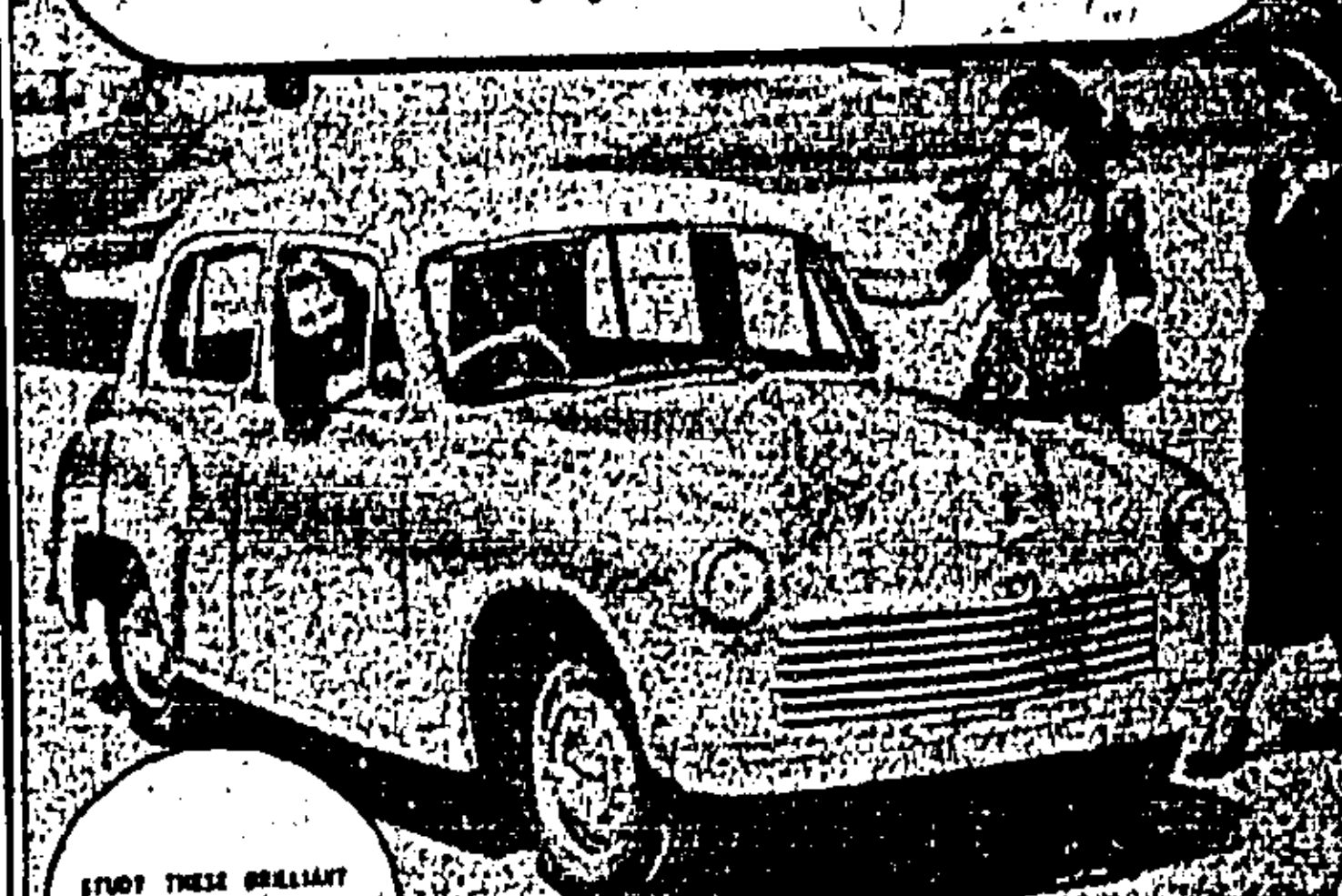
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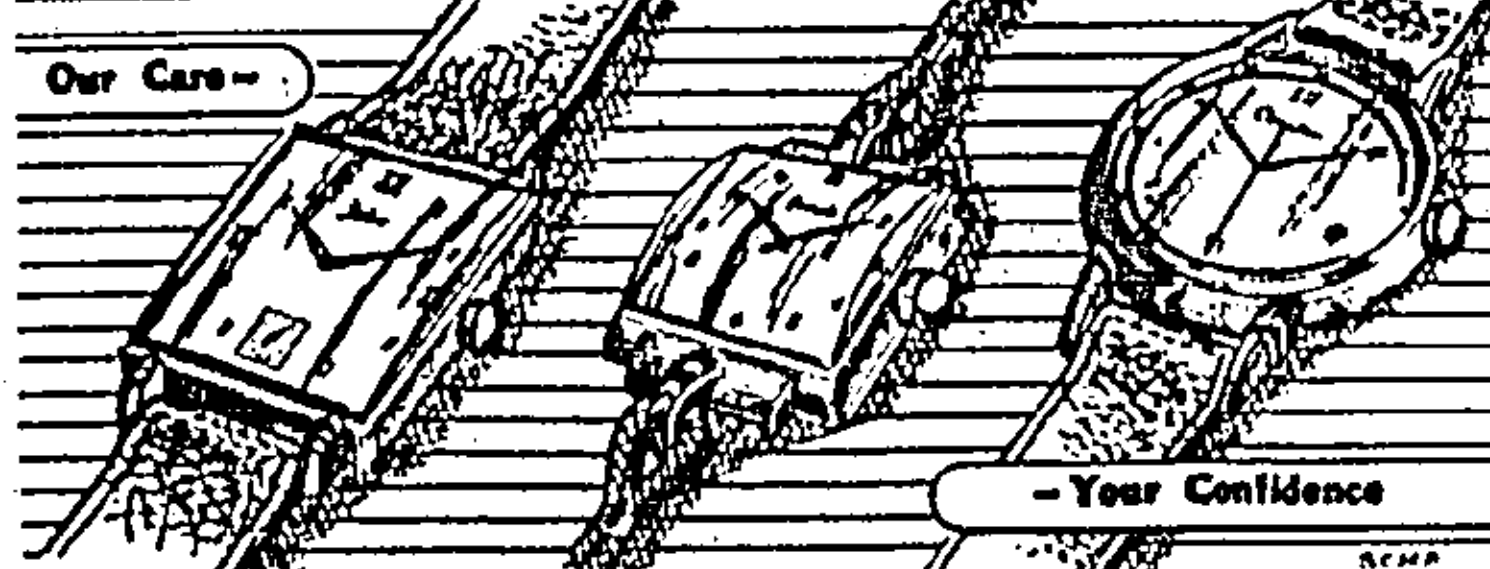
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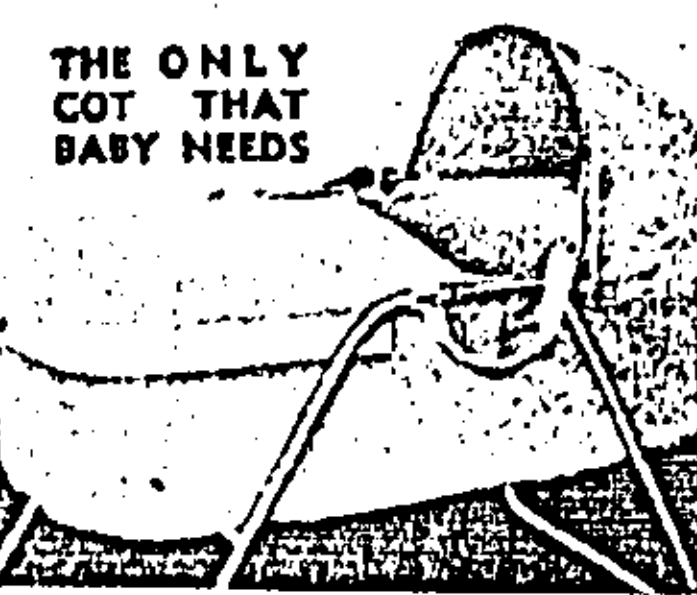
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By PRUNELLA WOOD

PRETTY frock for the tropical evening setting, none too formal to put on before the brief twilight, all set for the lovely evening, is here a fine cotton model, the snowy fabric striped with a non-tarnishable gilt thread, and with a Greek key design decorating the asymmetric neckline also made of non-tarnishable gilt braid.

Really pretty, really flattering, definitely on the glamour side of fashion, the dress is nevertheless a wash-tub proposition, and of such sensible and simple construction that the home ironer can press it perfectly. Every palm tree land wardrobe rates a cotton dinner dress, and this one is a happy choice.

**Anne  
Edwards**

PARIS. ONE legend I'm out to lay is that only million-aires black marketeers eat well in Paris. My nostalgic descriptions of meals I ate there last week are always interrupted with: "Ah, but the poor can't afford to eat like that—they don't get any meat."

If by "the poor" is meant people who cannot afford more than 3s. for a restaurant meal, then this is what they can get: An enormous bowl of delicious onion or vegetable soup for 3d. A large thick slice of beef or steak, thick slices of beef or pork or shoulder of lamb in buttery brown gravy for just over 2s. Or ham, mushroom, or cheese omelette made with two fresh eggs for 2s.

Or they can buy a nine-inch roll of crisp white bread flavoured with ham for 1s. A quarter bottle of red wine (enough for two) costs 5d.

The best comment on the plentiful supplies of good, fresh meat in Paris is in the window of a snob "English Grocery" in the smartest part of the town. In the centre of the window marked "Very Special," and priced at 6s. per pound, is a slab of corned beef!

PLEASE DON'T  
I WISH SHE WOULDN'T  
(a man tells me).  
SAY she's a Communist—and not know the names of even three people in the Politburo. ARRIVE for a date saying, "Gosh! What a party I had last night."

PUT through trunk calls from my flat.  
BE late—on principle.  
SAY "Ring me at home" and never be there.  
SAY "I won't have a drink—I'll just have a sip out of yours."  
HUMBA while I two-step.

EGG-VARIETY  
EGGS have so long been scarce in Britain that even now there are more of them than most people boil them. In France eggs are so plentiful that

they are treated less reverently—much more interestingly. Here are five favourite French recipes for serving an egg:—

1 COOK spinach and diced mushrooms in a flat dish. Make hollow, break egg into the hollow, dust with grated cheese. Put in oven for five minutes.

2 LINE a flat dish, with puree potatoes hollowed in centre. Brown under grill. Drop poached egg in hollow, cover with mushroom sauce.

3 BOIL egg five minutes, shell, and serve on fried bread with gravy.

4 CHOP and fry one rasher of bacon. Spread in fire-proof dish, break in egg. Bake in oven.

5 POACHED—egg served on round of flaky pastry. Slice of foie-gras on top. Cover with brown sauce.

SAY 'YES'

SIX WAYS to make you say "YES".... "It's far better for two to be happy than for three to be miserable." "I'd like to buy you something really nice." "Drink up—there's another bottle in the car." "Ah! But you're different." "Have you seen Paris in the spring?" "I just want to sit and look at you."

MY CHOICE

FROM EACH of my four favourite dress designers I pick their star—the dress I'd most like to see copied in a cheaper edition. From L'Espresso—the dragonfly raincoats made of nylon chiffon shot with six different colours, like a fly's wing. From Dior—cocktail frocks of plain silk in deep jewel colours and black. From Fath—full wool or linen coats with sloped pyramid collars. From Balmain—linen suits in white, champagne, pink, or black.

P.S. Will manufacturers copy these, please? copy the necklines too! It's time they added a few more to the present limited choice of V-necks or Peter Pan collars.

# THAT UNIQUE 1949 LITTLE FRENCH HAT

By Joan Erskine

LONDON. HATS—with a sideways slant, every colour and every kind. Hats—in pique, satin, grosgrain, in wicker, straw and ribbon. Now that the voluminous skirts and exaggerated waistlines have disappeared, and with them all the publicity and ballyhoo that went with the "New Look," attention once again is focussed on the head. A scarf, as a substitute for a hat, is out. And fashion-conscious women will be glad to hear that some of the most delightful hats on show in Paris have been chosen by British manufacturers to be mass-produced at reasonable prices.

There is no longer any excuse for going hatless. Hats have been designed for us to wear on every conceivable occasion. From dawn till dusk, at a tea dance or a cocktail party, in the garden or on the beach, hats have been thought up for us.

Sketched for you are some of the latest ideas from Paris. Schiaparelli shows a huge rough straw beach hat, with armholes through the brim. An off-the-face hat in wicker, with a side drape of Paisley material, comes from the Rose Valois collection. Gilbert Oriel has designed the softly folded side-dipping hat.

## INSPIRATION

INSPIRATION was derived in many cases from past periods of history, and from old masterpieces. Legroux, a milliner of great distinction, introduced hats in groups. One, the Dutch group, was inspired by the current exhibition of paintings in the Munich museum, and combined both Flemish and Dutch masters. The peasant and burgher coifs will be familiar to many, and the simplicity of the style is admirably carried out in pleated linen, organdie, pique, and rough straw, with black



velvet used lavishly for party occasions.

In his second group, the recent was on youth. Back with us is the sailor, trimmed in many new ways, with cloche or rolled off-face brims. He calls his third group "Little Gentleman," and shows a man's bowler shape made in a variety of straws, pique, or linen. The design of various models, says Legroux, has been inspired by the different fabrics.

Tropical countries will welcome the cotton pique hats, stitched and tailored, and nearly always trimmed with a fluted, pleated frill. This frill is repeated on matching gloves, adding to the cool clean appearance.

Caroline Reboux gains her inspiration firstly from the paintings of the Renaissance, Catherine de Medici, and the French court of that period, and secondly, from the easy-going Edwardian days of the square-crowned boater of the 1900's. She uses rough chip straw in light and dark shades, with elaborate use of veiling. Some of her hats are cut triangularly.

France is world-famous for its ribbons, and the French Ribbon Syndicate shows a great variety. A wide range of colours introduced this season's new shades—copper, vermilion red, ultramarine and emerald, contrasted with neutral and pastel shades. Plaids, checks, and woven stripes, tulle, grosgrain, and more, all played their parts in trimming or even making hats. From baby-ribbons which hung demurely in clusters, to widest double-faced satin which completely covered a crown and hung in deep folds at the back, it was ribbon all the way in Paris.

To match the tartan cottons, rapidly becoming popular, Legroux has used plaid in off-the-face sailor hats. Rose Valois uses plaid wool for sports. Tartan ribbon decorates a side-dipping hat in natural straw.

Most popular colour for hats and accessories, to carry you right through the spring and sum-

mer, is chalk-white. Light rust, pink, blue, and green are used, with black on formal occasions. Shades of yellow, from the palest lemon to ochre rose, are almost as popular as white.

Most outstanding is wicker, which Rose Valois uses as the basis of her collection. She combines it with straw, natural or lacquered, in braided or basket-woven brims, crowns, or part of the hat. Turbans and caps are made of grosgrain; and evening headresses of rough straw. Lightweight felts, crepes, and muslins are used for draped hats. Linen, organdie, pique, and cotton come for coolness. Black satin, striped ribbon, and shirred chiffon are used with great effect. One delightful frilled cartwheel is made entirely of shirred chiffon, in a burnt sugar shade, worn with a matching stole edged with the same frill.

## GENERAL LINE

THERE is a trend towards the asymmetrical. Brims mostly dip towards the right side of the face, sometimes completely covering it. Large hats are of the cartwheel variety, and can be worn in town as well as at race meetings or garden parties. All hats are moulded closely to the head, whether berets, sailors, cloches, or boaters. Brims have a great deal of detail—wavy, scalloped, pointed, and slashes. Some have double and even treble brims, with trimming between.

Seriously any of the hats shown were suitable for wearing with long hair. In Paris, many women were wearing their hair swathed to simulate the short cut; others had gone to the length of acquiring the very latest cut, the "Napoleon." For this style the hair is cut short as a man's, and the sides brought forward on to the cheeks.

## TRIMMINGS

ORIGINAL and charming were the trimmings. Artificial flowers were in a minority. Ribbon topped the list, fruit came second. A sailor hat was trimmed with strawberries and their blossoms. Another straw hat sprouted corn on the cob, complete with its leaves. Long chiffon scarves, draped jersey and ostrich feathers were used. Evening headresses, rapidly coming back into favour both in London and Paris, are decorated with jewelled motifs, trailing chiffon, and sweeping paradise plumes.

The French hats were a joy to see. French milliners have lost none of their artistry and skill. Girding a place of straw, a wisp of veiling, and a bunch of ribbons, they produce a creation with an indefinable air—a little French hat!

## Perfume Gives You Glamour



To renew your perfume during the day, there's a leak-proof applicator you can carry right in your handbag.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY woman loves perfume and wears it with a delightful feeling that she is making herself glamorous. And so she is, because those who come in contact with her can't help being interested and realise that she is a fastidious person. That is, of course, if she uses a scent that appeals to the emotions, as do all the delicate flowered odours.

If she is smart she will stick to the same bouquet. To leap from rose to gardenia to carnation is to have a confusion of names. Do you know that perfumes fight? Yes, they do. Put different ones on the items of your wardrobe and you will have a nondescript result that may not appeal. As for compounding one's own, that is not to be considered. Perfume making is a fine art.

Perfume should always be sprayed, so get yourself an atomiser if you don't happen to have one. It not only saves the precious liquid but restrains you from using it with too lavish a hand. Don't forget that a little goes a long way. Spray your neck, shoulders and arms directly after your bath. The

warm flesh will cause the alcoholic content to evaporate, and only the flower essences will remain.

Don't put perfume on a garment that is not cleaned frequently. Put it on your skin rather than on your hair. Unless the scalp is entirely free from the exudations of sweat and sebaceous glands, the effects may be unpleasant.

If you wear an artificial flower, put a drop of perfume on it. When you are going to a dance, put a tiny bit on the hem of your skirt.

A dainty little woman should never use an oriental scent, but keep to lily of the valley, mimosa or violet. The distinguished appearing woman, whose type borders on the exotic, can get away with some of the heavier products.

And for carrying perfume with you during the day, a leak-proof applicator that fits in your purse is just the thing.

## A Designer With A Grievance

A DESIGNER with a grievance is Arthur Banks, one of London's independent couturiers. He feels, with some justice, that British fashion writers could do a great deal more to boost a new British line.

He speaks with some authority, for as early as February, 1948, he showed a number of Empire line and Tube Look dresses, which were commented on by comparatively few British fashion writers. And yet this was a line new to British eyes.

Paris writers would have seized upon this new line with joy, and showed it to the world with pride. But, as said in some quarters, British writers are far too Paris-conscious. They feel Paris can do no wrong—and when one of their own designers shows them something new, they are apprehensive, usually a little surprised, and seldom enthusiastic.

One London writer in the daily press had sufficient foresight, when Arthur Banks produced his Empire Line dresses, to speak of "A new London Line," but few others followed her example.

Magazines are accused of being only interested in a pretty cocktail dress, or a charming evening gown, to make up an article.

If this state of affairs is true—and it would certainly appear so—how can London ever expect to rival Paris, whose new lines are publicised, encouraged, and vigorously defended against attack?

POST-SHOW COMMENTS  
Post-Spring show comments from designers:  
Blanca Mosca says of her collection: "The distinction of a house should be measured by the continuity and gradual evolution of its designs, and not by abrupt changes of line and detail."

its exaggerations and absurdities, has ceased to exist, and has taken the place of a simpler and more studied line."

Victor Stiebel maintains that "fashion develops in a steady flowing line; there is never a moment of pause, and variations on an established theme will eventually develop into a new theme."

Digby Morton stressed that the discerning woman realises the extremes of fashion and eye-catching effects are quickly mass-produced, and rapidly done, and told us "My collection is, for these reasons, a restrained one consisting mostly of day clothes, and because the one fashion that never bores is the tailored suit in its many variations, there are a larger number of them than anything else."

## CRYING FOR SANITY

Peter Russell, famed for his superb tailoring, declared with great gusto: "The world is crying out for sanity, and I hope my clothes convey that medium. When concentrating on perfect detail, such as gloves, handbags, and belt to match the dress to make it so foolproof that the wildest Sally Ann can't possibly go a cracker, that is when the creating of a collection worthy of our great British tradition of good breeding takes every tiny part of one's brain and there's no room for what I call damned idiotic ambitions, like one sees in the aggressive and hideous collection of bogus, overtrimmed suburban villas!"

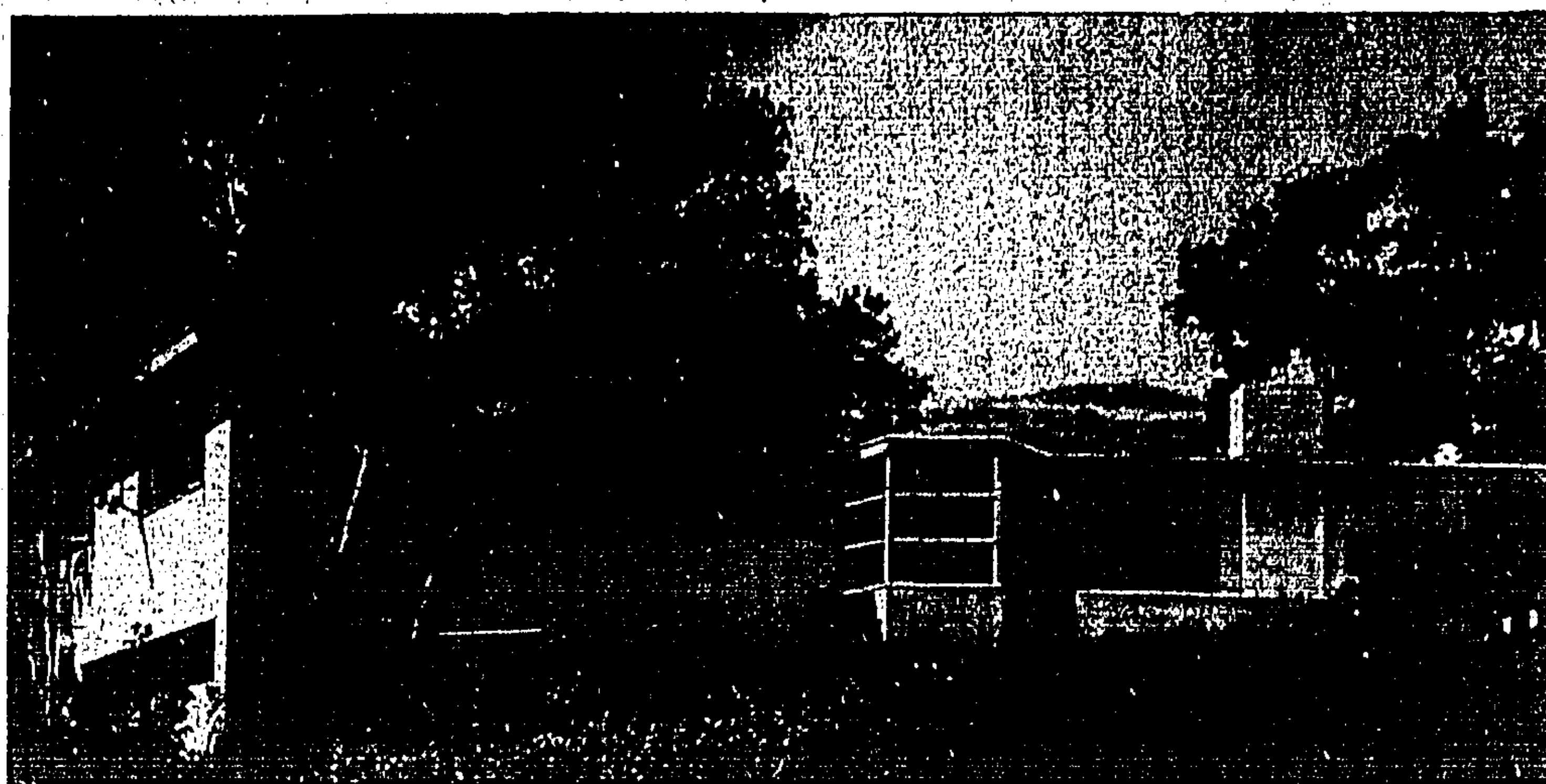
Hardy Amies stated with disconcerting frankness that "women's clothes should be soxy."

Perhaps these remarks, straight from the designers themselves, will help to settle in some feminine minds why the New Look was not entirely banished, or the Tube Look completely accepted. The evolution of fashion is something gradual, not a series of violent upheavals.



## PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

## THE MODERN LOOK



By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

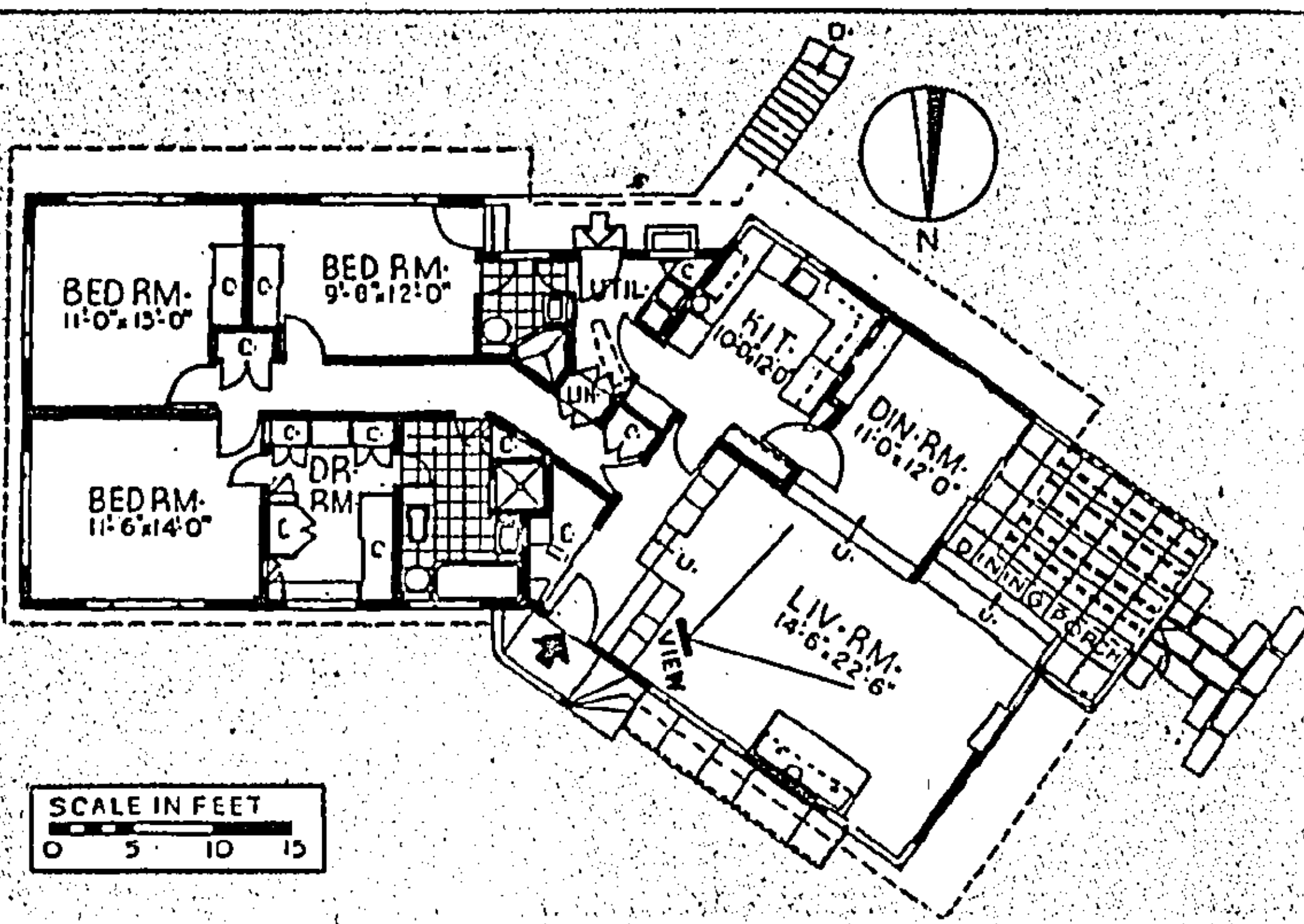
THIS attractive dwelling is a one-floor home, built on a hillside site. It provides for comfortable modern living

THOSE whose architectural tastes lean towards the modern will be interested in the house illustrated here. Designed by Robert Trask Cox, it was built on a hillside site, and was planned in accordance with the modern desire for all-on-one-floor convenience, while at the same time keeping service and living quarters completely separate from the bedroom area.

A most unusual feature of the house is that, for protection against the heat of the sun's direct rays in summer, the flat roof is designed to hold an inch and a half of water.

This is a three-bedroom home, with all of the bedrooms, plus a good-sized dressing room, in one wing; the corner sitting room, dining room and kitchen occupy a second wing, sharply distinct from the other by being set off at an angle. There is also a dining porch.

The garage is built into the hillside under the bedroom wing.



## A NEAR-SIGHTED CHILD IS NOT AN INVALID

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE are a great many false notions about nearsightedness, especially the one that a child with this condition will gradually become blind. It is a fact that a child with nearsightedness can lead a normal life, and that, above all, he should be allowed to live a normal life instead of being treated as an invalid.

## As The Child Grows

In some cases it is true that as the child grows older the nearsightedness gets worse. Some doctors even go so far as to advise that children with severe degrees of nearsightedness be taken out of school and allowed no reading for a period of one year. They found that when this was done, half the children did not get any worse. Dr. Morgan found, however, that if no treatment of any sort is given, seven out of ten children with nearsightedness do not get progressively worse.

A number of different causes for nearsightedness have been suggested, such as heredity, or weakness which has developed before birth; changes in the shape of various eye structures; a lack of action of muscles that move the eye; increase of pressure of fluids within the eyeball, and the lack of various vitamins and minerals. It has been claimed that bad reading habits contribute to nearsightedness.

## Proper Glasses

In treating the nearsighted child, of course, he should be fitted with proper glasses. In the experience of some physicians, it does not seem to make any difference whether the glasses are worn all the time or not. It is suggested that the parents be informed that the child may wear the glasses when he wishes to see objects at a distance, but that he certainly should wear them when he is reading. No other special type of treatment seems to be necessary except the usual following of good health habits in regard to a well-balanced diet and getting plenty of rest and sleep, fresh air and sunshine.

There appears to be no need to restrict reading or to stop any particular activity.

## Doors Made Thief-proof

MELVIN H. RAUCH is still making things tough for the crook even though he has retired from the Mt. Vernon (N.Y.) police department.

Rauch, 48, is not toting a gun or a night stick any longer. His new role in the battle against crime is that of an inventor.

His invention is a simple, inexpensive metal device that looks something like a slide rule. With it, almost any door can be locked from the inside and no key in the world will open the door from the outside.

The invention is aimed at those thieves who use skeleton keys, or pass keys, to open doors in hotels, apartments and private homes. The device also guards against a lock being picked.

It operates simply. One hook-end of the device is placed in the strike plate, or jamb. The door is then closed and most of the device, which is a thin strip of metal, extends on the inside of the door.

No Key Can Open  
A latch then is slid into tight position against the door. Pronto, the door is locked so that no key can open it. The latch is slid backward when a person desires to remove the device and open the door.

His invention is protected by patent and a large manufacturer now is putting the device into production.

The device weighs only a few ounces and is no larger than a toothbrush. It can be carried in a man's pocket or in a woman's handbag.

Its official name will be the "Pool Thief."

MAKING a sharp distinction between the sleeping quarters and that part of the house containing living room, dining room and kitchen, the house consists of two separate wings, one set at an angle from the other.

## Difficult Chore Made Easier

By ELEANOR ROSS

VENETIAN blinds add much to a room, but as is the case with all home furnishings, they only look as good as the care they receive. It is true, of course, that the blinds are at the window and so receive first cut of all the dust, grime and soot that fly in. But, by the same token, a dusty, grimy blind is as bad as dirty curtains or soiled drapes.

The blinds must be dusted regularly, and there are all sorts of gadgets to make this chore as easy, yet as efficient, as possible. Then, at least once every season the Venetian blinds should be treated to a good washing to prevent them from becoming too soiled. For best results don't use too much water. Dip a sponge or a soft cloth in a soap-suds solution and wring it almost dry. Even if it feels dry to the touch, sufficient suds for washing purposes will have adhered to the cloth.

Wash Both Sides  
Wash each blind on both sides, start by slat. Don't forget to rinse and resuds the cloth or sponge often. Dry the slats with a clean cloth and apply lightly a light wax to keep soil from accumulating.

If you're feeling very energetic, you can wash the blinds in the bathtub or laundry. Fill tub two-thirds full of warm, soapy water. Lift the blinds in and out of the suds until they are clean. While they are drying, weigh down the bottom of the blinds to keep the shape or tapes from shrinking.

Should the blinds be very soiled, you may need to untie the slats, which is a real penalty for neglect! Be sure to lay them in order as you take them off. Clean each one thoroughly, dry and wax. Then wash the tapes in soap and water, rinse and dry. The restraining job will prove a nightmare if you allow the slats to become mixed up. It's nice to know that blinds where each slat is removable are now coming into the stores.



## Tasty French Crepes Suzette

"A SURPRISE for you, Madame," said the Chef—as I entered the test kitchen. "You can have it for luncheon or I can prepare them for dessert at dinner."

"What is it, Chef?" I asked, all curiosity.  
"It is the famous French, Crepes Suzette," he announced with importance.  
The Chef bustled about assembling the ingredients on the kitchen table. Next he started a large heavy iron skillet to heat. "It is traditional," he remarked, "to cook the crepes one at a time in a small frying pan. But as that is too slow, so I am going to cook several at once in the skillet."

"Now, Madame," he continued with an air of professional importance, "we will demonstrate: First, I will beat two eggs very light. Now I add 1½ cups milk, 3 drops orange extract and 3 drops vanilla. Now ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tablespoon powdered sugar and 1 cup cake flour; this makes the texture more delicate than the all-purpose flour. I beat with my wire whisk until very smooth. There is no baking powder in this batter, Madame, so the more air I beat in, the lighter the crepes will be. This batter will make 24 crepes about three inches round. Now I am ready to cook."

Enough Butter  
He turned to the range, put a half tablespoon of butter into the heated skillet, and let it melt. Then he wiped it out with a paper towel. "There must be just enough butter left to keep the crepes from sticking," he explained, "but not enough to fry them. When done they should be a pale brown only on one side, the other side should be cooked, but left almost white. You see how thin is the batter?" he remarked, lifting up a spoonful. "Now I shall put it in the skillet. See! It spreads twice the size. There will be room for four crepes in the skillet." In went 3 tablespoons more batter. "I will fry rather slowly so they will not brown, but stay the colour of cream. Then I shall turn with the pancake flipper. Like this." Flip, flip, they went. "I shall let them cook a pale golden brown, then they will be ready to fill."

"Why are the crepes cooked brown on one side and left light on the other?" I asked.  
"That is so they can be prepared in advance ready to re-heat to order," he explained. "All the chefs do this. Plenty of Suzette butter is spread on the browned side; the crepes are then folded up in halves or quarters and heated and fried a little in butter in a Suzette pan or chafin dish. If they were browned on both sides they could not be fried to order."

"Of course genuine Crepes Suzette are sprinkled with curacao and brandy, and brought flaming to the table. But this is not practical in most homes, so I shall spread these crepes with orange butter, and serve dusted with sifted confectioner's sugar."

No Coaxing  
"The butter is very easy to make, Madame," he continued. "Just cream together 1½c. unsalted butter, ½ tablespoon grated orange rind, and 2 tablespoons orange juice. Then cream in enough sifted confectioner's sugar to make stick, about 1½ cupsfuls."

I needed no coaxing to taste those crepes—they were de luxe! "They'd be just wonderful filled with apple butter and served with sour cream and cinnamon," I said.  
"And they are nice spread with jelly, rolled up and browned in the oven," suggested the Chef. "They then become the rolled French pancakes."

"Pancakes are good in any language," I remarked. "You showed me how to make French crepes, now I'll show you how to make Adirondack apple pancakes."

Adirondack Apple Pancakes  
Sift together 2 c. flour, ¼c. granulated sugar, ½ tsp. salt and 4 tsp. baking powder. Stir in 1½ c. thin-sliced apple cut in pieces, the size of a nickel. Separate 1 large egg. Beat the white stiff, and the yolk until creamy. Add 1½ c. milk and ¼ c. melted shortening to the yolk. Quickly stir the flour mixture into this and fold in the egg whites. Meantime heat a heavy griddle until a few drops of water "dance" when dropped on it. Brush with vegetable oil. Drop on the batter by generous tablespoonfuls, keeping the cakes at least 1 inch apart to allow for spreading. When golden brown on one side, turn to cook the other. Serve with maple syrup or apple-cube sauce; or powdered sugar and wedges of lemon.

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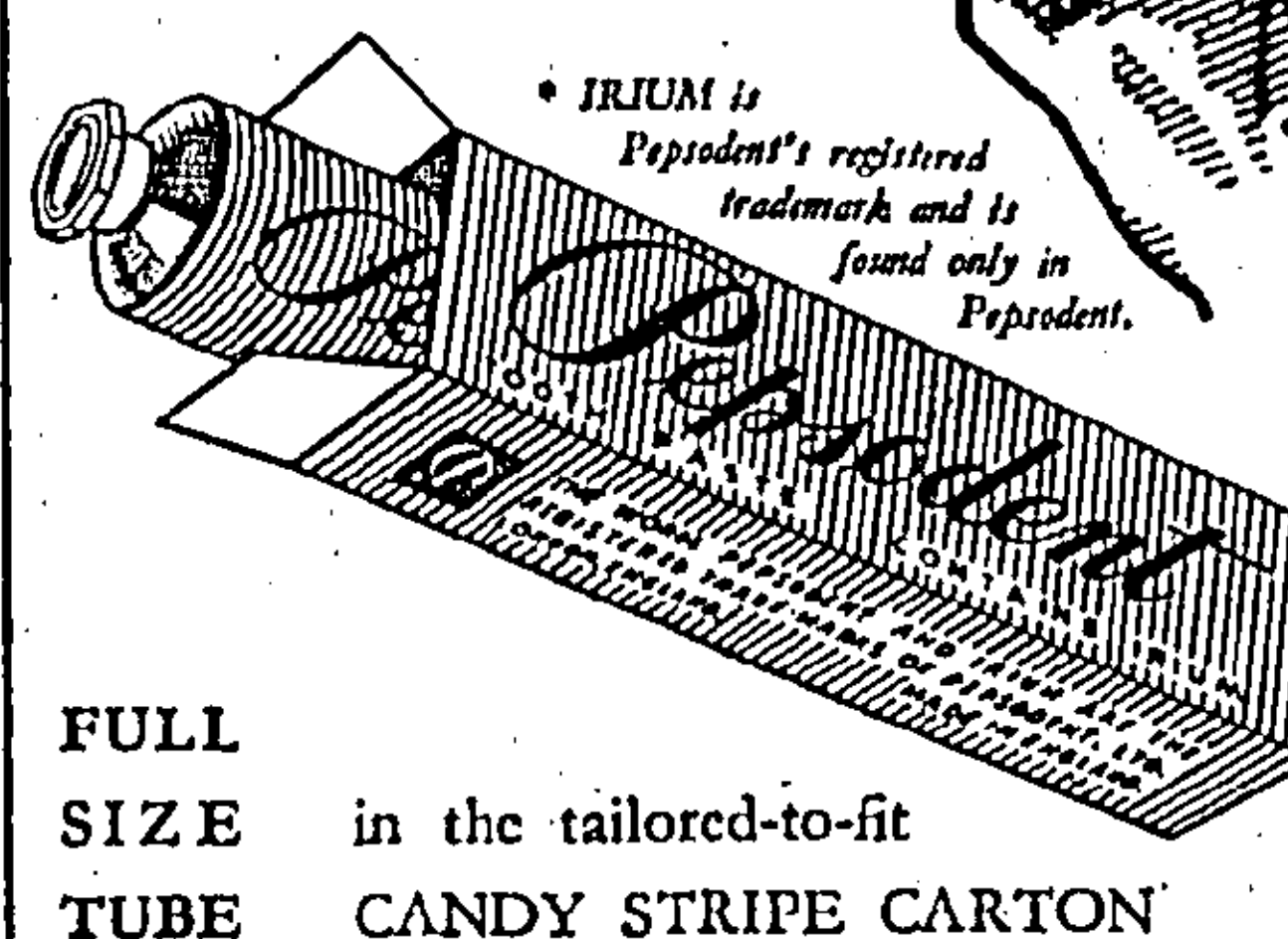
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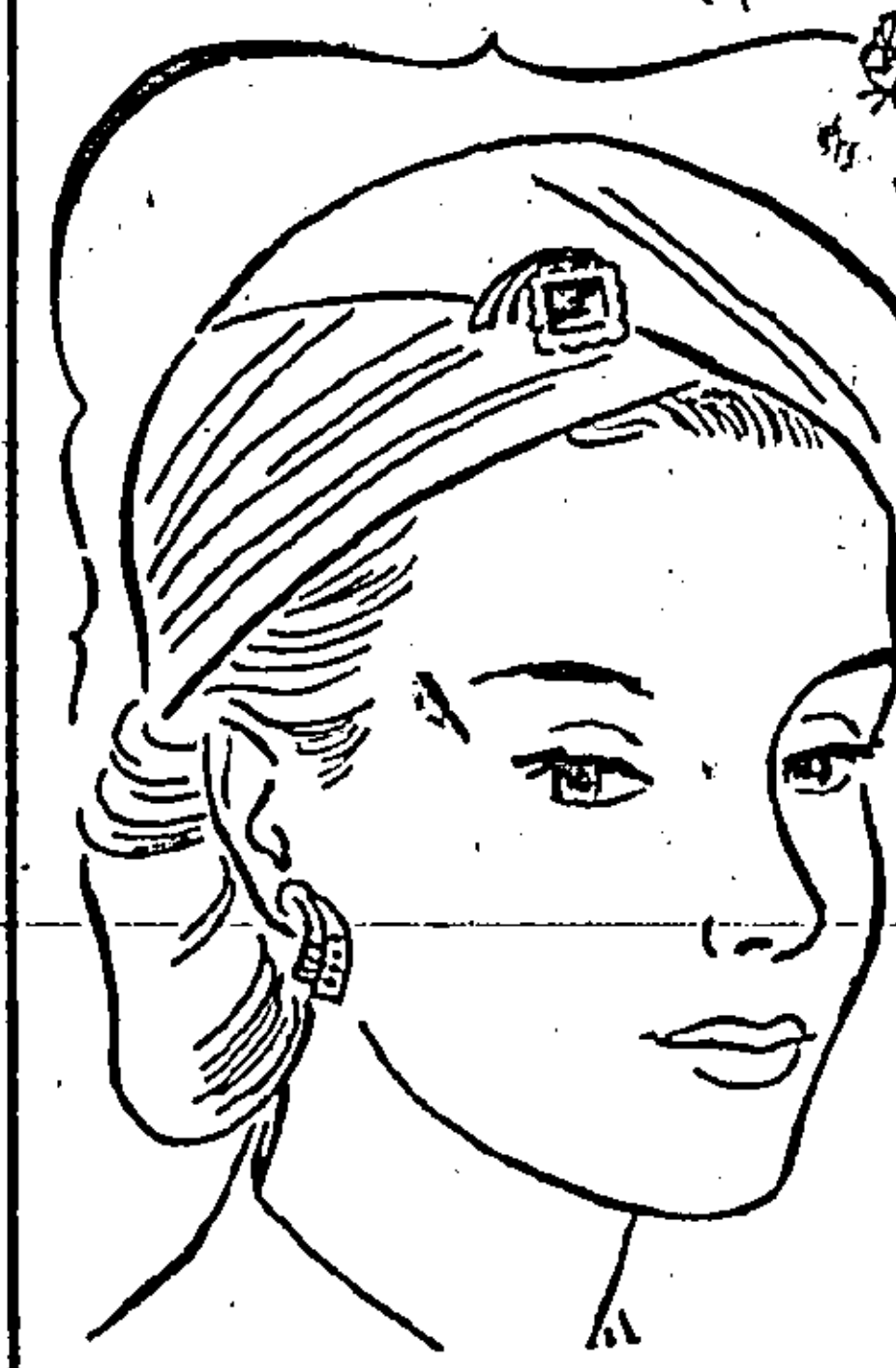


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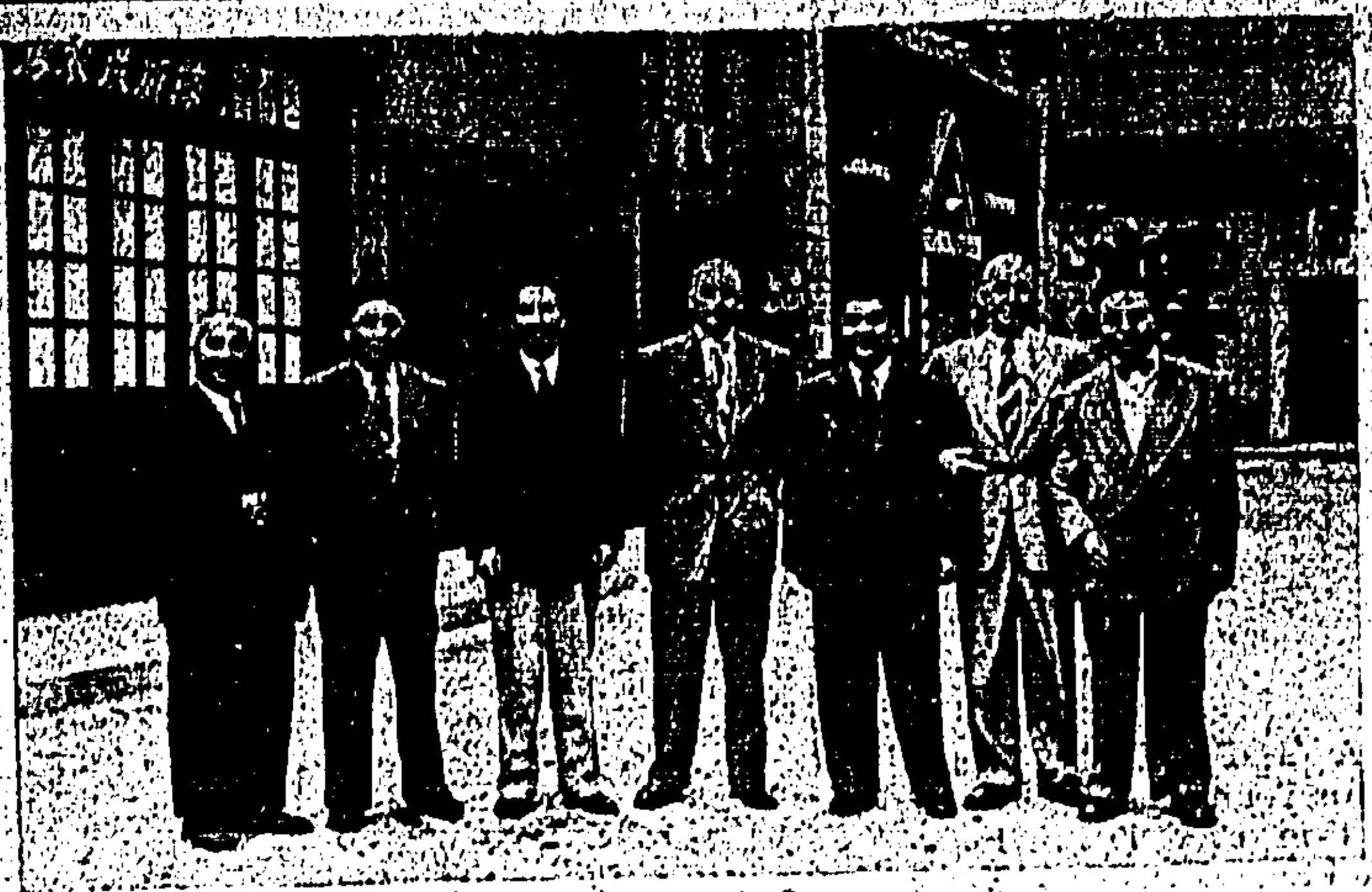
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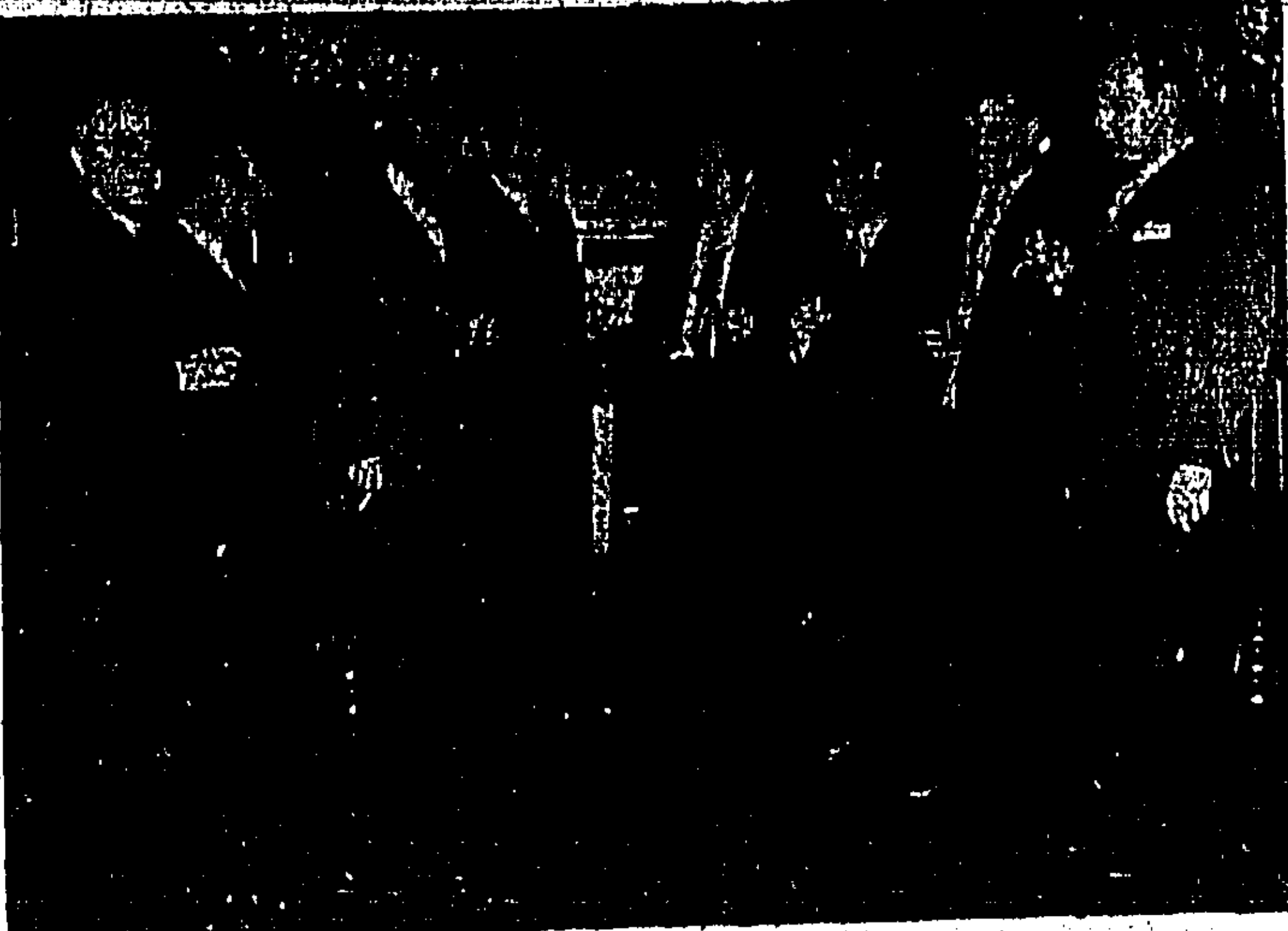
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THE famous Hollywood producer-director, Mr. Otto Preminger (second from right), and Mr. Robert Snody, Twentieth Century-Fox production executive (centre), photographed before a Chinese street set during a visit to the Yung Hwa studios in Kowloon. Mr. Preminger plans to make a film in Hongkong.



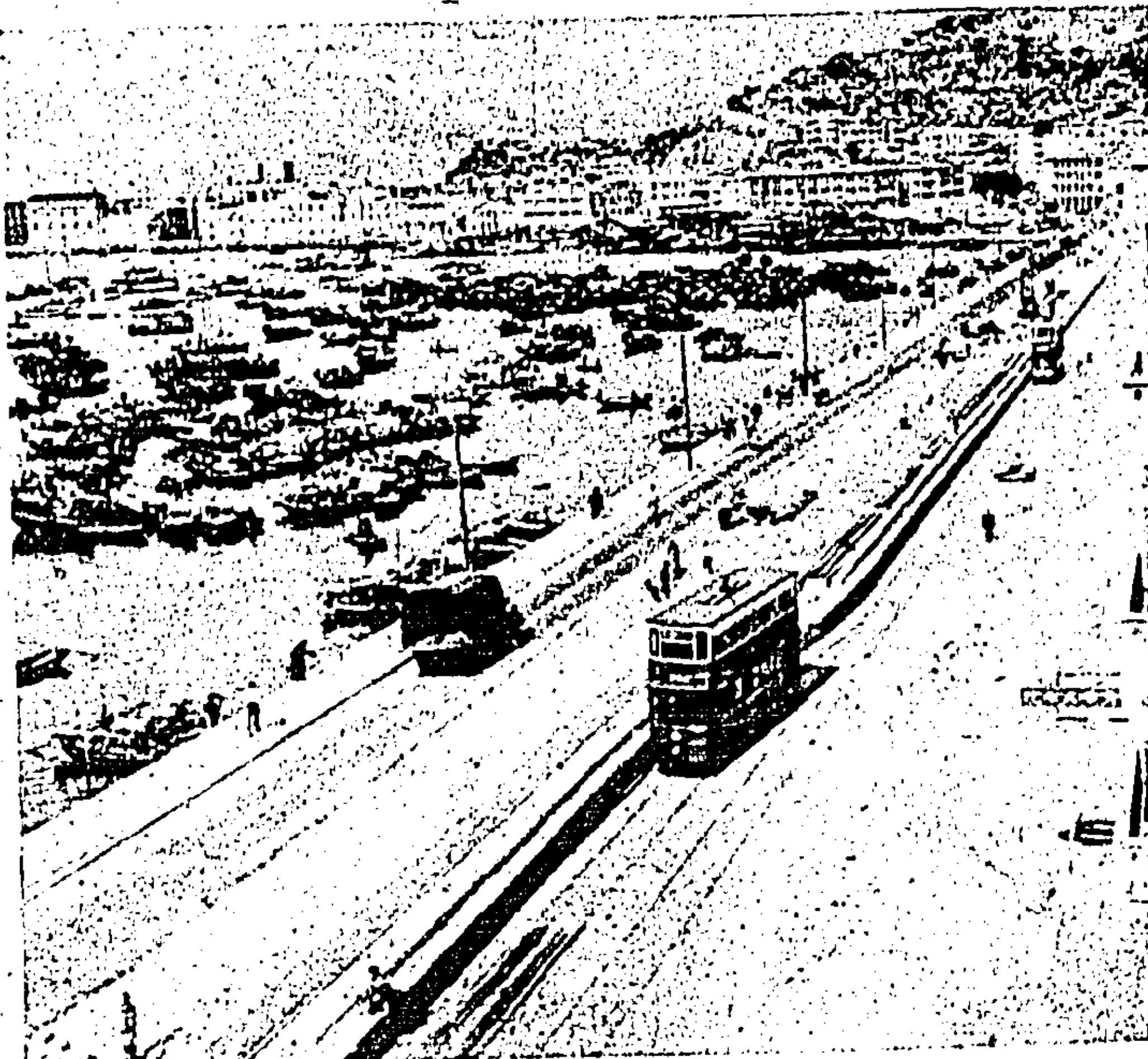
PICTURE taken at a cocktail party given in the Hongkong Hotel last week by Transocean Air Lines Inc. of California, who will shortly institute a weekly service to Hongkong. At extreme right is Mr. Douglas Shorman Starr, who is Far East manager of the line. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



A goalless draw was the result of the annual football match between Norwegian and Danish residents, played at Happy Valley last Sunday. Here are the two teams, the Danes being in upper picture. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE annual athletic sports of the King George V School were held last Saturday. Upper photo: the finish of one of the senior girls' sprint races. Lower photo: start of the junior girls' sack race. Right: a competitor in the long jump. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



RECLAMATION work has made possible the widening of Causeway Bay Road. The re-claimed portion is on a higher level than the old road, which will be raised accordingly. This view was taken early in the week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



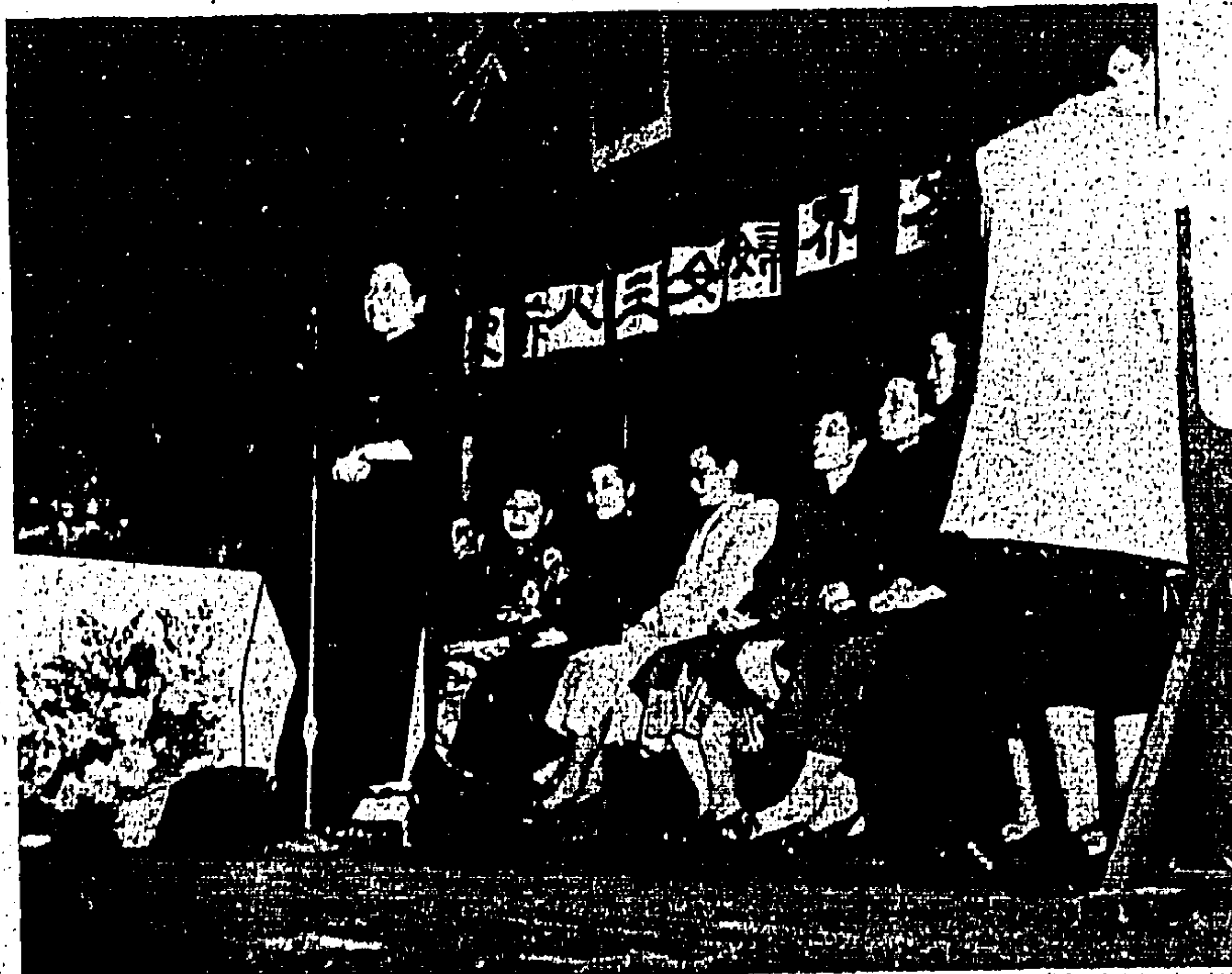
RIGHT: Two parties at the Kowloon Cricket Club's "March Hare" dance last Saturday. Upper picture shows Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fincher, Mr. R. S. Capell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King and Miss P. Ward. Lower picture shows Mrs. A. David, Mrs. L. Benjamin, Mrs. Ebert, Mrs. P. da Rocha, Mr. G. da Rocha and Mr. B. F. Benjamin. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



EIGHTEEN recruits for the Hongkong Police Force were among those who arrived by air on Monday in a chartered aircraft from England. Picture was taken at Kai Tak after landing. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Robert Hart, newly-appointed officer-in-charge of the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market, photographed in his office last week after he had conducted pressmen on a tour of the collecting centres. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MISS Cecilia W. F. Shen, chairman of the Chinese Women's Welfare Association, speaking at the mass meeting held at the King's Theatre on Wednesday on the occasion of Women's Day. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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**T**ERROR such as is practised in the Soviet "Union" has never been equalled in the history of mankind.

What are the lines through which this terror operates? Here they are:—

M.V.D.—Ministry of Internal Affairs.

M.G.B.—Ministry of State Security.

S.M.E.R.S.H.—Counter Espionage and Secret Service.

Military.—Political Organs, State Public Prosecutors' Offices and Courts, Ministry of State Control.

All party political organisations.

The kingpin of all these is undoubtedly the M.V.D. Everyone, however highly placed, is liable to summary arrest by this organisation.

The laws which govern its activities are very simple:—

Only one party has the right to exist in the U.S.S.R.—the Communist Party.

The Politburo can never be wrong.

There is only one genius in the world—Stalin.

Any person who thinks differently automatically becomes an "enemy of the people" and a "spy of a foreign Power."

Arrests are usually carried out in the middle of the night. The victim is taken away without explanations, and from that moment the very mention of his or her name becomes dangerous.

The danger lies in the fact that if a person is arrested by these bodies it follows that he or she is an "enemy of the people."

Anyone connected with an "enemy of the people" automatically becomes suspect.

There are secret agents in every Soviet establishment, factory, collective, farm, military formation, etc.

For instance, if any London paper, or the B.B.C., or London University were

located in the U.S.S.R., they would all have M.V.D., M.G.B., and S.M.E.R.S.H. sections attached to them.

M.V.D. has gone through many evolutions since 1917. Its chiefs have mostly been unlucky.

The first, Serebryakov, was shot. He was followed by Dzerzhinski, who died. Menzhinski was put to death. Yagoda was shot. Babov was either shot or he is still alive in some penal settlement.

Beriya, the Politburo member, is the present head of all these terrorist organisations. Colonel-General Kruglov is the head of the M.V.D.

Nobody can tell for certain where the M.V.D. activities end and the M.G.B. activities begin.

In principle, the M.G.B. is mainly concerned with counter-espionage and secret service activities outside the U.S.S.R.

A typical example of its work was the Communist network in Canada, while the case of Cardinal Mindszenty is a typical example of S.M.E.R.S.H. activities.

### M G B AGENTS in every country

I AM quite certain that the M.G.B. "has its agents operating in every country of the world."

I am equally certain that every foreign ambassador, and in fact, every foreigner in the U.S.S.R., is the object of kindly solicitude of S.M.E.R.S.H. agents.

S.M.E.R.S.H. also keeps constant watch on all Soviet diplomatic personnel, foreign trade officials, members of the so-called "Society for Cultural Relations with Abroad," and, in fact, all Soviet citizens who are either abroad or have any connection with foreign lands.

All Soviet diplomatic couriers are M.G.B. agents.

M.G.B. strength abroad can be illustrated by the following incident:—

I was talking to Colonel Klykov, chief of the M.V.D.-M.G.B. administration in Brandenburg Province, about Professor Tunk, the German aircraft designer, and mentioned that Tunk had told me that he wished to go to England.

Klykov said: "I can get him back, even from London."

Let me try to describe now how easy it is to become a victim of Soviet terror.

Take the case of a married man, liked by everyone, completely neutral in politics, holding a fairly high position.

Suppose he lives in Moscow, where housing conditions are such that he shares a small flat with other families. There is only one kitchen, one lavatory.

It is only natural that, under such conditions, trivial irritations acquire proportions out of all perspective.

Eventually, the co-inhabitants are at daggers drawn. Stupid and unfounded denunciations follow.

Then our man one day happens to tell his wife that he read that in the United States ordinary workmen have houses of their own.

This remark may be overheard through the ill-wooden partition which separates the living quarters, and a neighbour will immediately report him for having pro-American tendencies and probably being an American spy.

### A SUSPECT 'Bourgeois influence'

THE party organiser of the establishment in which the man is working will entrust a good "comrade" Communist, usually a friend, to insinuate himself into the private life of the suspect.

After a time this man will report that, although the suspect has no concrete evidence, the very atmosphere of the place suggested that the suspect was under bourgeois influence.

For instance, he pays a lot of attention to his personal comfort, he has an armchair of which he seems to be particularly fond, etc., etc.

The party organiser will now summon the accused for an interview and will point out to him his moral decay.

If the man tries to clear himself and does not agree with every word of the accusation, he is called before higher party organisations, where he is accused of more serious crimes.

He is also accused of refusing to admit his wrong and therefore he digresses from the party line. Finally the man is entangled in such a web of accusations that he usually ends by confessing his sins; in which case he is only severely reprimanded.

If, on the other hand, he persists in trying to prove his innocence the case goes still further.

He is thrown out of the party if he happens to be a party member and handed over to the tender mercies of the M.V.D.

People who see this procedure and the final results are usually ready to admit any kind of sin at the earliest stage in order to avoid the consequences.

### JUST A NAME It meant ruin

I CAN quote an example which, although it may be difficult to believe, is a fact.

Professor Kazanski was a learned Marxist-Leninist, an old party member and a lecturer at the Zhukovski Military Academy. He held the rank of Divisional Commissar, which is now equivalent to Lieutenant-General.



BERIYA—terrorist-in-chief

One day, at a party meeting, one of his students accused him of counter-revolutionary activities and mentioned that Kazanski's young son was called Ledit. His theory was that Ledit could quite easily be a cryptonym and abbreviation of Lev Davidovich Trotsky.

This theory was pounced upon by other speakers, and the net result was that, after going through the stages described above, Kazanski was cashiered, thrown out of the academy and went through the hands of the M. V. D.

Last time I saw him he was wearing an old soldier's overcoat, and looked a complete moral and physical wreck.

I will try to describe M. V. D. methods.

First of all, it must be borne in mind that no person is ever allowed to appear in open court unless he has confessed.

Secondly, only exceptionally strong natures can withstand the M. V. D. methods of extracting confessions.

The case always opens in the same way.

An M. V. D. officer very politely tells the accused that he has got himself into a very difficult situation, and that he should try to extricate himself.

He then hands him a prepared confession for signature.

The accused is told that his life will be spared, and that he will probably not suffer any hardship if he signs.

If this method does not get the desired result, pressure is exercised through wives, children, and near relatives.

The accused is shown photographs of his arrested near-ones in attitudes of agony.

If this does not bear fruit, he is shown his children or wife undergoing tortures in front of him. Very few people are able to resist this.

But some do. As a last resort physical torture is employed. Various methods are used.

The Lubyanka Prison in Moscow is the place equipped with the most refined instruments of torture.

In the provinces methods are much coarser.

One of the favourite ideas is to put the accused into a kind of dentist's chair, handcuffed hand and foot.

The interrogator then puts a collection of shining instruments on a table in front of the accused.

A bandage is put across the man's eyes, and the interrogator, after a few minutes asks him still very politely whether he has now changed his mind.

If the man does not break down a plank is put across the arms of the chair and his hands are tied to it in such a way that he cannot move them.

His boots are taken off and the same is done to his legs.

Again the interrogator asks whether the man has changed his mind.

### HE WENT WHITE In a few minutes

THE psychological torture is such that I know of one man who went completely white during the few minutes between the time when the instruments were taken out of the case and his eyes were bandaged.

In most cases people confess without any physical torture being applied.

If the accused persists in his innocence or keeps silent, the interrogator just touches the tips of his fingers with a sharp instrument, jokingly remarking that his nails are dirty and that something ought to be done about it.

Quite suddenly, the interrogator sticks a needle under the nail.

His nerves being strained to breaking point, the man shrieks from the excruciating pain, upon which he is hit on the mouth by an attendant standing behind the chair.

After this the bandage is taken off, the man is released and led away, the interrogator telling him that he will see him the next day.

If the man does not confess the same procedure is adopted next day, but this time the needle is used two or three times, sometimes under the toenails and sometimes under the fingernails.

In the following days the process varies until all the instruments have been tried.

One of them looks like a pair of scissors, the blades being replaced by sharp needles. The points are inserted under the nail and prised open by pressure.

Another method in use is a needle, through which runs a high tension electric current.

### HANDCUFFED Bracelets grip

A SIMPLER method which, in many cases, proves effective is to put the "patient's" wrists into rigid handcuffs, with the bracelets gripping some of the skin.

The victim is unable to move without suffering excruciating pain.

I also know, but only from hearsay, of the existence of a more complicated torture chair. It is a metal armchair. By pressing a lever the operator forces the bottom seat to come up. The seat is studded with spikes which fit into holes in the real seat.

By exercising pressure on the lever, the spikes enter the body more or less deeply.

The spikes are split and can be opened at will by pressing a button, which sets in motion a small electric motor located under the bottom seat.

Thus, in one way or another, the M. V. D. usually manage to obtain "spontaneous" confessions."

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THE END

POCKET CARTOON  
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"It's a fine state of ecclesiastical affairs when the Dean of Canterbury believes everything he reads in Pravda, and the Bishop of Birmingham doesn't believe half he reads in the Bible."

### Pig that gives meat to order

PROFESSOR L. M. Winters, of the University School of Agriculture, Minnesota, who surprised America with a new breed of pig, is going to England to show farmers how to produce "tailor-made" pigs.

According to the professor his pig, called the Minnesota No. 1, is a super animal, bred after years of careful study of genetics.

He claims an animal which will eat less, gain weight in less time, and produce meat on whichever part of the carcass it is wanted.

"We are making pork chops and bacon to order," Professor Winters told the Americans.

"The pig can be termed 'tailor made,' because all the ideal characteristics are made to order by careful inbreeding."

Animals used in the foundation herd in 1933 were eight Canadian Tamworth—a light, sandy coloured breed—and six Danish Landrace. The Landrace is the typical Danish bacon pig.

These animals were mated, but after two years the purebred animals were removed from the herd, which has been bred from within ever since.

Minnesota No. 1 are red-gold in colour, slightly diffused with black.

### NOT A FLUKE

American breeders are backing Professor Winters. Today there are nearly 6,000 pigs in over 300 registered herds in 24 States.

Mr. Joseph B. Swain, ex-master of the London Butchers' Company, and an importer of frozen pork, recently flew 4,000 miles to look at the Minnesota No. 1. Of it he says:—

"Professor Winters has produced a pig with good hams and meat just where we want it."

Last autumn Professor Winters introduced his Minnesota No. 2—an off-shoot of No. 1. This second breed, he claims, proves that No. 1 was not a fluke. "We set out to breed certain traits in No. 2, and that is what we are developing."

British breeders are sceptical of Professor Winters' new breeds. Some of them say it may take 50 years to stabilise the type.

But the American professor claims that he can make a new breed of pig in seven years, a new breed of sheep in 12 years, and an entirely new type of cattle in 15 years.

—Mary Ball

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LEAGUE SOCCER

By "FAIR PLAY"

# NAVY v. SOUTH CHINA "A" THE LIKELIEST THRILLER

Despite the fact that there are six First Division matches down for decision this week-end, there does not appear to be much for local football fans to get excited over, either today or tomorrow.

To my mind, the only match with any chance of being a thriller at all is today's meeting between Navy and South China "A" at Causeway Bay. No other fixture excites the imagination, except, perhaps, the Second Division game between Army (Kowloon) and Chinese Athletic.

Army's disappointing show against South China "A" last week makes me somewhat reluctant to expect too much from the Navy side today. However, fielding a team which should be a slight improvement on that which drew with South China "B" last week, Navy are capable of putting up a very good fight.

A reorganised forward line, with Gilliam moving up to inside-left and Buck crossing to the right wing, may add the punch to the attack necessary to ease the burden on their solid, but not ever-lasting, defence.

This game then, has its possibilities, and whilst the odds greatly favour South China, in my opinion it is not quite the "dead cert" it may appear at first sight.

The Second Division game between Army (K) and CAA on the Chatham Rd. Ground today, is interesting, from the championship point of view. South China failed to beat PCA last week, so CAA lead them by one point, with KMB lying third, and Army (K) in fourth position, with still an outside chance, due to a number of games in hand. South China and KMB should get full points this week, so if Army (K) beats CAA the race is wide open again. If CAA win, then Army more or less drop out of the running, and the fight goes on between the top three teams. The CAA and Army (K) then, the game is very important, and both can be relied on to give of their best.

About the remaining fixtures, little need be said. At Bunsford Street tomorrow KMB oppose Club and this should be a rugged sort of encounter, with KMB ending on top.

Should Kiernan crack home a couple of specks, however, this match could become exciting. It is hard to imagine the same about today's meeting between South China "B" and Eastern at Caroline Hill though, for neither team has much to play for.

## INTER-SERVICE

Today's third match is an all-Service one at Soakunpoo, RAF v Army, and this will, of course, be mainly of interest to Service people.

Service people, on the other hand, are quite a good game and, on the recent form of both teams, I think RAF have quite a chance to reverse their two goals to one defeat of earlier days.

Tomorrow, the better of the remaining years to be Kitchee v CAA at Caroline Hill. CAA are still right in the struggle for runners-up position, and so will be after two more points at Kitchee's expense. They will probably get them too.

The other match is St Joseph's v Police at the Club Ground and, in view of the Saints' recent deterioration, I shall not be the least surprised to see Police win what can only be a very ordinary game.

So much, then, for the programme. Now for a few words on the game in general, and on one aspect of it, deliberate handling of the ball, in particular.

Much has been said lately of sportsmanship, and here is one unsportsmanlike action in which almost all teams indulge (defences being the greater offenders) and the game would be better with less of it.

## HANDBALL

At least one in every match a defender finds himself beaten by a well-placed ball, and out goes his hand to stop the opposing forwards from getting away. The penalty for this action (it usually occurs outside the penalty area) is a free kick, and by the time the kick is taken the defence has been able to recover and take up position.

All very clever, and a dangerous situation averted. At least, that seems to be some spectators' point of view when their favourites indulge in this habit.

In truth, however, how very poor this action is. A man, fairly beaten, resorts to foul

trickery to overcome his defficiency—and often several times in one match.

Well obviously, a player who does this is no real sportsman, and a team that allows its players to do it week after week without dropping them from the side, is no sporting team.

Nevertheless, this does go on, match after match and my hope is that these few words may make it clear that not everybody is insensible to this growing habit. Cut it out, I say, and let us see football played sportingly, or let us all play handball instead.

## THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING

# Today's Chances At The Valley

By "THE TURF"

Punters attending the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club this afternoon are assured of keen racing with some close finishes.

There are ten events on the card with the first Saddle Bell at 1.30 p.m. and the first race at 2 p.m. The last race of the afternoon will be at 6.20 p.m.

## FIRST RACE

The programme opens with a race for Class 5 Old Australian ponies over six furlongs. Domino, formerly of Class 4, is a fast pony but, with the top weight of 150 lbs, I doubt whether it can do better than place, which will probably be taken out again by Mr Matland. It came second to Minx on the second day of the Annual Meeting at the mile and 171 yards.

It is just possible that it will redeem itself by winning this race over six furlongs distance.

The others that can be counted upon to give a good race are Belle Fontaine (150 lbs), Colonel (146 lbs) and Countess Delight (151 lbs).

## SECOND RACE

This mile event for new Australian ponies (1st Section) will probably be won by Big Bluff, Coogee, Hop Yick or Stayer.

Hop Yick at the 1st Extra Race Meeting, with Mr Rowlands on, came in a close fourth and is about the safest bet. Strong opposition can be expected from other three.

## THIRD RACE

In this first section race for Class 4 Old Australian ponies, I will not be far wrong in stating that the winner will be either Anyway (147 lbs), Boom Town (159 lbs) or The Dingo (152 lbs).

Anyway won the Padder Handicap over the mile distance at the Double Tenth Race at the last year, in the good time of 1.47.3/5, is very fit at the moment and, as it is coming out with the same weight, has a good chance of repeating its success.

The Dingo, second to Heroic Lassie at this year's Annual Carnival, will also have a strong say at the finish. Boom Town, in spite of top weight, is sure to be well up with Anyway and The Dingo.

## FOURTH RACE

For this second section for Class 5 ponies, Care Free (150 lbs.) should have every support in this race for this pony came in a very good first at the Humphreys Handicap at the Double Tenth Race Meeting in 1938, in Class 6, beating Dashing Beauty II by a margin of 5 lengths in the pretty good time of 1.10 at this same distance.

Strong opposition will come from Brivisto (148 lbs), Empress of Peace (147 lbs), Seafire (142 lbs) and Tootsie (140 lbs).

## FIFTH RACE

Great interest will be shown in this mile race for new Australian ponies (1st section) and a very hard tussle is pro-

misled. Golden Dahlia (Derby winner) and Skymaster have been allotted the top weight of 150 lbs and will have to be at their very best to win this race as Egyptian Field (153 lbs) and Ben Wyvis (147 lbs) are very nicely weighted and may be able to spring a surprise.

## SIXTH RACE

There should be little to choose between Amigo (150 lbs), Chief Witness (151 lbs) and Frostlight (152 lbs) in this race and it should be a close and tight finish between these three. Arabian Moon (147 lbs), if taken out by Mr Ostroff, is worth considering as an outside chance.

## SEVENTH RACE

Reputation, an absentee at the last meeting, will have a good chance of scoring a win here. This pony has been placed four times at this same distance and, as the opposition now is much weaker, it can be almost sure of winning.

Reuter, a well-fancied pony at the last meeting, faded badly and was not even able to secure a place but it should do better this time. Jasmin and Roslyn will probably fight it out for the places.

## EIGHTH RACE

In the second lot of Class 4 (2nd section) old ponies, running this race, Big Shot (154 lbs), Golden Dragon (159 lbs), Prince Delight (150 lbs), and Red Fox (159 lbs) are the pick.

Prince Delight, which came first on the fourth day of the Annual Carnival over the mile and 171 yards, will find the distance now more to its liking and should be able to win again.

## NINTH RACE

Another good field is seen in this second lot of new Australian ponies. Sparkling Star, winner of the Doncaster Stakes (first section) at the last meeting has been penalised to the top weight of 150 lbs and, as it is now running against stronger opposition, its chances of winning are remote.

High Speed (152 lbs) is nicely weighted and stands a good chance to win this race. Maniac (135 lbs), Poker Face (135 lbs) and Top Hat (136 lbs) are most dangerous because lightly weighted and are quite capable of springing a surprise here.

## TENTH RACE

The closing race of the meeting is confined to Class 6 old ponies and a tussle for the major position is likely to be seen among Ann Hing (140 lbs), Autumn Leaf (147 lbs), Constant Star (150 lbs), Dashing Beauty II (150 lbs) and The Chief (149 lbs).

Autumn Leaf and Constant Star have been doing quite well lately and stand the best chance of winning.

## SPORTING SAM



## SOFTBALL CHATTER

# Two Championships May Be Decided This Week

The new League champions may be crowned this week by virtue of victory in just one game. Two such vital engagements are down for decision. The championships of the ladies' and the men's junior loops are in the offing.

Both these needle matches are to be played tomorrow. Time for the men's game is 2 p.m., and it is 3.30 p.m. for the ladies'. Chief Umpire for the first match is Herbie Quon, and for the second Charles Figueiredo.

Exciting softball is assured. It should be a "Must". Two champion outfits will be going out to retain their flags after travelling a long and rugged road, downing spirited opposition, to their present high level again this season. However, on current form, the champions, Wahooks and Braves stand underdogs. The odds appear to be stacked against them.

The challengers, Wildcats and Jaguars, respectively, appear to be fighting fit. Man to man—woman to woman, if you like—these look stronger.

The Wahooks are on even terms as far as their count with the Wildcats is concerned, having won and lost one against them. But, one of those odd days descended upon a loud thud one Sunday, the Wahooks committed more than 20 errors—a record?—they found the Canadian femmes with their strongest side out, incidentally, to succumb to them. So, the Wahooks, if they win tomorrow, will have to win the championship. A loss for the defenders of the title means the pennant goes to the Wildcats and a new champion is crowned.

## WAHOOS WEAKER

The Wahooks, though being under the most capable coaching of oldtimer Hal Winglee, do not appear to have comparable material to push their way through.

They look weaker in most departments. Their battery of Big Chief Terry Noronha and Patsy Ribeiro will be vying their opposite numbers, southpaw Dolly Brown and Elmo Babida, for superiority. All four of them are seasoned exponents of the game. The pair, which come out on top will have a lot to do with victory for their team.

Much, however, will depend on Coach Winglee in his handling of the Wahoo unit. He is expected to make good use of the weakness of "girlies" inclination to be temperamental to make up for what his girls lack in that certain something. He can rely, though, on some lively play through the big sticks of Patsy Ribeiro, Irene Castilho, Terry Noronha and Hilda Soares. But a suggestion that might be useful is that bunting often will be a wise move. Oh, yes, Hal, I sure hope you know what to do. But, just try it my way and see. Nothing like rooting for the underdogs, though they be champions!

The Wildcats, as if they weren't powerful enough before, have been reinforced by the return of the livewire versatile veteran, Gloria Mar Sequeira. Also, Bella Barros, star from Shanghai, has signed on since. Marlene Kier has come in to fill a weak gap. Captain Thelma Watson will have to search her head a second time which of the many available strong players to leave out.

I like, however, the peppery, playing of the old favourite, Peggy Barros and Dolly Brown, two sizzling all-rounders, and the colourful and heady dish-out of the "little" Babida girl. They are very dangerous mace-maulers. The others, headed by the fleet Alex Mendonca, come in to form a generally well-balanced, powerful contingent.

I would say it would be a mild upset if the Wildcats lose. Let's say the Wahooks start 3-2 favourites. I have given the slim odds because a couple of tricks can easily put off our normally high-strung girls. Will the Wahooks be able to pull off the trick?

By Reg. Wootton

By "SPECTATOR"

## JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN

# "There Were Giants In Those Days"

Not that we have any wish to enter into the field-sport controversy that already has and will again set even the mildest of the legislators snarling at each other's throats—we're strictly a townie and keep as much out of these things as possible—but a little reading of the subject raises a number of items of interest to the argument.

We have already chronicled some of the activities of one Captain Horatio Ross, contemporary of the mighty sportsman, Squire Osbaldeston, and great-great grandfather of the Chelsea bookmaker Hercules Ross. In odd moments between the laying of odds in one part of the Home Counties and another, Hercules has filled in some detail of the English scene of 100 years ago and you may judge for yourself how that breed of men compare with the current.

In letters to friends, the captain pooh-poohs any business of going for big bags of grouse in a day. His biggest in one day was 65 brace.

He worked hard one season, though, and shot 87 deer by himself. To do it, he was always up at 3 a.m. (almost the same as Cripps in that respect) and seldom returned home until 8 p.m., walking, running, or crawling all the time.

"This," he says, oddly, "was the grandest training in the world."

Yet he was the first to deride his chances in any pedestrian feat against a professional.

despite the fact that he had covered 24 miles in four hours and six miles fair heel-and-toe, in 50 minutes.

One of this phenomenon's (and there were a lot of them not less bursting with energy) greatest performances took place after eight hours wading waist-deep in a morass after snipe and ducks.

He got home, changed into evening dress with thin pumps and silk stockings, ate a hearty dinner and had just dropped off into a comfortable doze when he was awakened to help umpire a friend in a £2500 a-side challenge walk over the Gram-plains from Banchoy to Inverness.

Without ado, he was off just as he was. They clambered and alighted all that night, next day, and the next night, travelling in torrential rain all the time, and completed the 100-mile course at six in the morning of the second day.

## READY FOR MORE

He would ride to hounds, walk, climb, row, box, take part in the toughest steeplechase, shoot from first light to last, then sit up most of the night and start out again at first light next morning with no sign of fatigue.

Captain Ross was regarded as second only to Osbaldeston, acclaimed as the athlete to end all athletes, and acknowledged by the formidable Ross as the equal of most men and the master of most in any field of athletic endeavour.

One of them was single-wicket cricket, at which he once took on, with only a fielder to aid him. Two of Nottingham, with this result: Mr. Osbaldeston gave up his bat... 84. Two of Nottingham... 11. J. Dennis, b. Osbaldeston, 1; Hopkin, b. Osbaldeston, 3; Dennis, b. Osbaldeston, 2. Total for two innings, 17.

Yes, whatever side you take in the field-sport controversy, you have to confess it produced men of a certain quality. Maybe it was something they ate.

## Started An Amateur

While serving in the Royal Air Force, Gibbons appeared as an amateur for Tottenham Hotspur in 1938, moved to Brentford the following year and re-signed amateur forms for Tottenham in 1939.

Upon demobilisation he joined Bradford as a professional, and was transferred back to Brentford in August, 1947.

Dennison, who played for Newcastle-United, Nottingham Forest and Fulham, appeared for Northampton as a guest during the war and later signed for the club.

The season before last he had the task of holding Tommy Lawton the first time the English international leader appeared for Notts County in third division football.

Although Lawton scored and the County won, Dennison earned high praise for the way he marked his brilliant opponent.

Last season Dennison gave up active football and took over the coaching of the Northampton juniors.—Reuter.

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—by Walter

## Eisenhower's critics are shooting wide

by MILTON SHULMAN

EACH new war memoir puffs flickering life into the dying embers of the controversies of the last World War. General Eisenhower's book, *Crusade in Europe*, published recently, is no exception.

But that so straightforward and honest an account should give rise to bitter acrimony in Britain is far less a condemnation of Eisenhower than it is of those super-sensitive nationalists who feel it is their duty to blast shrilly about "jeopardising Anglo-American relations" whenever someone suggests that there was an American as well as a British view about how World War II should have been fought.

At least one fact emerges clearly from the spate of books about the war. It is that men like Churchill, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Montgomery, Marshall and Patton were not always right.

*Crusade in Europe* is published in the United States by Doubleday, and in Britain by Heinemann.

They would be the first to admit this obvious truth.

IN *Crusade in Europe* Eisenhower thoroughly vindicates his reputation as one of the greatest living exponents of the need and desirability of a firm and warm Anglo-American friendship. This belief pervades almost every page of his memoirs.

But it does not prevent him from speaking out frankly when discussing his disagreements either with Churchill or Montgomery. One admires him all the more for the graciousness and obvious sincerity with which he consistently presents both sides of these differences of opinion.

It seems difficult now to realise that this man who was in late 1943 appointed Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force was so unhesitatingly an American newspaperman under his photograph identified him as "Lt. Col. D. D. Eisenhower." On this Eisenhower comments, "At least the initials were right."

As head of the Operations Division of the War Department, directly responsible to General Marshall, the Chief of Staff, Eisenhower was intimately involved in the early discussions on the opening of a second front in North-West Europe.

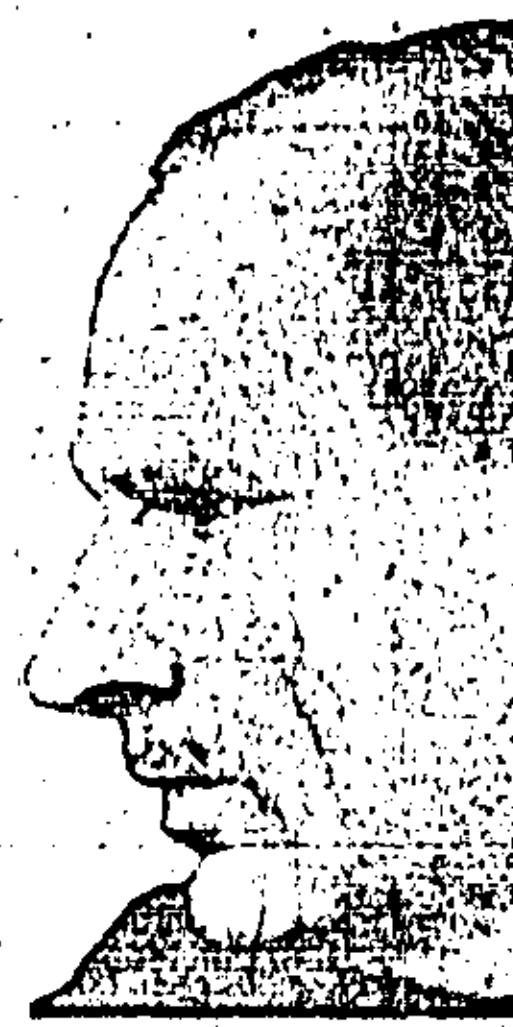
Eisenhower leaves no doubt where he initially stood on this problem. He and Marshall were two of the most vigorous advocates of acquiring a limited bridgehead in Northern France in 1942 to be followed by a full-scale invasion in the spring of 1943.

WHEN he was informed on July 22 that the proposal for an invasion in 1942 had been rejected as too dangerous, Captain Bulech reports that Eisenhower remarked the day could well go down as "the blackest day in history."

In his own memoirs, however, Eisenhower sets out in detail the practical objections to the proposal and admits that many of the American assumptions had to be revised in the light of the British position.



EISENHOWER—frank



MONTY—difficult

Morally the postponement of the second front until 1944 will be difficult for Anglo-American historians to justify in view of the many promises to the Russians that it would be opened up before then.

But strategically there will always be room for argument whether an assault on the French coast in 1943 might not have ended the war much sooner. Yet even as late as November 1943 Churchill continued to voice his misgivings about a cross-Channel assault, and pressed his plans for an invasion of Yugoslavia, the Dodecanese and Greece, the "soft underbelly of Europe."

I NEVER at any time heard Mr. Churchill urge or suggest complete abandonment of the Overlord plan," writes Eisenhower. "His conviction so far as I could interpret it, was that at some time in the indefinite future the Allies would have to cross the Channel. But he seemed to believe that our attack should be pushed elsewhere until the day when the enemy would be forced to withdraw most of his troops from north-west Europe, at which time the Allies could go in easily and safely."

Another controversy over which much ink has already been spilt was the broad-front strategy adopted by Eisenhower after the collapse of the Germans in Normandy. Sup-

porters of both Montgomery and Patton claim that had sufficient supplies been allotted to them they could have finished the war by Christmas 1944.

MONTGOMERY strongly advocated a major offensive effort aimed at crossing the Rhine, north of the Ruhr, and advancing into the heart of Germany. Because this would have meant halting the advance of the rest of the Allied front, and because he was convinced that the supply position would have been unable to support such a "penetration" thrust without the aid of the port of Antwerp, Eisenhower adopted instead the strategy of moving towards the Rhine along the whole front until supplies were more easily available.

To contend that, on this issue, Montgomery was right and Eisenhower wrong is dogmatic nonsense.

Monty's predictions may well have prevailed, but it should be pointed out that on this question General de Gaulle, Montgomery's Chief of Staff, writes: "It is only fair to say that throughout the war this was the only major issue over which I did not agree with my Chief. I have always held the contrary view, and in the event I am more than ever convinced that I was right."

And when I spoke to Field-marshal von Rundstedt about this problem his words fully supported the Eisenhower plan. "Any suggestion that the Allies could have advanced faster than they did in September is nonsense," he told me. "On the contrary, they went much faster than was actually expected."

A third important issue over which Eisenhower differed with the British was whether or not the Allies should have raced the Russians to Berlin. In March 1945, when Churchill raised this point, the Russians were 30 miles from Berlin while we were almost 200 miles away.

THE capture of Berlin was, says Eisenhower, "politically and psychologically important as the symbol of remaining German power. I decided, however, that it was not the logical or the most desirable objective for the forces of the Western Allies."

He, therefore, went ahead with his plans for cutting off the German forces in the Danish peninsula and for driving towards the "National Redoubt" in the Austrian Alps where intelligence reports had predicted Hitler and his SS divisions were planning to carry out a Wagnerian last stand.

Since the European Advisory Commission had as early as 1944 marked out the future zones of occupied Germany and agreed on a joint inter-Allied control of Berlin, it is difficult to see what political advantage Churchill hoped to gain by having Allied troops enter the German capital before the Russians.

Surely it cannot be contended that such a feat would have enabled us to bargain for further Russian concessions when the Russians had already been finally settled at Yalta.

Nor is it likely that the Russians' gratitude for our allowing them to enter their pre-determined sector would have made them more amenable in their post-war conduct over the city.

And finally: Is it not probable that had Stalin guessed what we were up to he would have seen to it that the short distance between Berlin and his forces was very quickly covered?

Now in discussing these controversies, and others such as the invasion of Southern France

and the problem of a single Allied land-force commander, Eisenhower never presents his views with the slightest tinge of resentment.

He always fairly summarises the British case and admits the forcefulness of the arguments against him. In fact sometimes he leans over so far backwards in presenting his opponent's views that one is left wondering why he finally chose the course that he did.

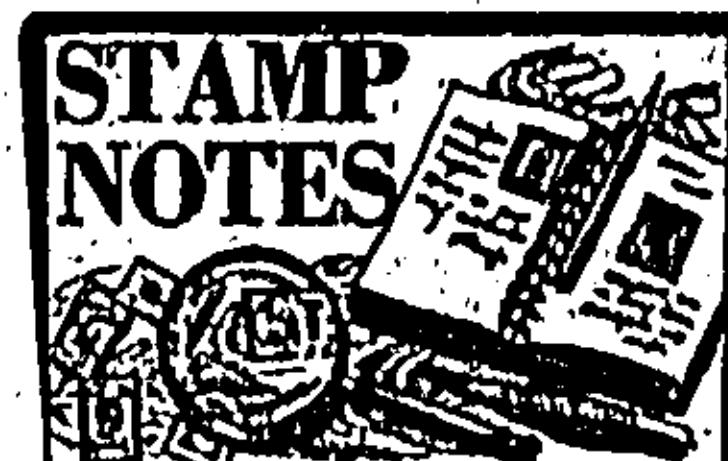
No fair-minded reader could possibly detect the slightest suggestion of anti-British bias in this honest and sincere account of those difficult days.

But perhaps even better evidence of the genuine generosity and good will that motivated Eisenhower's conduct are his kind and complimentary remarks about almost all the British personalities with whom he served. Of his relations with Montgomery, however, it is not so much what he says as what he leaves unsaid that indicates a not altogether harmonious atmosphere. Thus: "I spent much time in France, conferring frequently with General Bradley and General Montgomery concerning timing and strength of projected battle operations. Such visits with Bradley were always enjoyable. . . ."

But if Eisenhower found Montgomery difficult to deal with it did not affect his opinion of Montgomery as a soldier. He vigorously defends Monty's tactics in Sicily, credits him with having predicted Rommel's every move in Normandy, and he did not hesitate to place him in command of the northern half of the Ardennes battle—one of the most critical in the campaign—although the troops were predominantly American and although he was bound to be criticised for it by the bulk of American opinion.

TO Eisenhower "the first and most enduring lesson of the Mediterranean and European campaigns was the proof that war can be waged effectively by a coalition of nations."

And of another occasion he writes: "Nothing creates trouble between allies so often or so easily as unnecessary talk—particularly when it belittles one of them. A family squabble is always exaggerated beyond its true importance." Eisenhower scrupulously adheres to this wise dictum throughout *Crusade in Europe*. In judging his book we can do no less.



GREECE publishes the kidnapping of children from within its borders to lands behind the "Iron curtain" with the issuance of three stamps. The 40-drachma, 1,000 and the 1,800 all depict Greek children being kidnapped.

JAPAN'S new 16-yen blue postage stamp illustrates a view of Mount Hodaka, a peak in the Japanese Alps, with fir trees in the foreground. The stamp is issued for use on first class overseas mail.

THE Indonesian Republic has released seven bi-coloured postage stamps of an issue whose quantity has not yet been made known. Those issued to date are: 3½ sen, 3s, 4s, 7½s, 15s, 25s and 60s.

Each stamp, with the exception of the 15 and 60 sen, will have a different design.

TURKS and Calcos Islands commemorate the centenary of their political separation from the Bahamas with seven new stamps ranging from twopence to 10 shillings.

CUBA celebrates the bicentennial of the fortress Castillo de Jagua and the centenary of the first printed newspaper, *Hoja Economica*, in Cienfuegos with two new stamps. The 1-centavo yellow green and the 2-centavo jointly commemorate the two occasions.

TUNISIA honours its army with two semi-postal stamps. The design, which illustrates the *Ar de Triomphe* of Sbeitla, appears on the 10-franc plus 40 olive green and the 18 franc plus 42 blue.

TURKEY has issued six new air mail stamps which are engraved with three different designs. The 5 and 40 kuras have a four engine plane in flight over Izmir, the 20 and 25 kuras show a two engine transport plane over Ankara while the 30 kuras and the 1 lira stamps picture a single engine cabin plane flying over Istanbul.

## FROM HERE AND THERE:

## "Include Us Out," Say Film Tycoons

NEW YORK: Hollywood regents an accusation that its highly-paid picture producers say "nin". The charge is made in a new Broadway play which vigorously satirises the film tycoons. It says the picture makers are at the "nin" level of intelligence. So Hollywood digs into statistics. True, 49 have no formal education. Two are secondary schoolboys. One went to an art school. But the remaining 75 boast university degrees.

## PICGING IT!

NEW YORK: Paul H. Smith, an engineering student at the University of Michigan, is to try to out-eat a hog. The hog, four months old, will be fed on oats, corn and wheat washed down with milk and water. Smith will start with eggs and switch to steaks, potatoes and vegetables. The contest will be the climax of a week of "guzzling" at the university, described by the president of its health

service as disgusting. He said, after hearing of oyster-purging fests, "A hog could eat more than that." Smith thinks he is wrong.

## WANTED—A BRIDE

NICE: Antibes is unable to find a girl to qualify for an annual marriage dowry left by a citizen in 1838. Conditions are that she be under 25, born in Antibes or of parents living there for more than 25 years, and that the wedding take place in Antibes on June 14 each year. The last time the dowry was won was in 1934, by a girl who was divorced a year later. This year a girl applied for the dowry, mounting to frs 11,430. She fulfilled the first two conditions but not the third. She said she could not wait until June 14 to get married. Now the Antibes Town Council have decided to advertise for a candidate in the local Press.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

## "If the Truth Were Told"

BY KEMP STARRETT





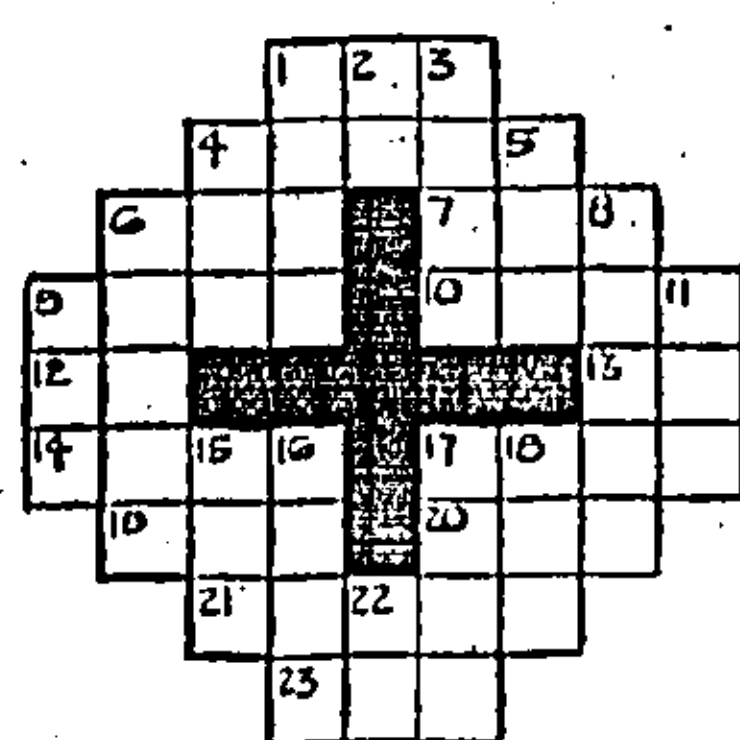
## SPORTS

## STORIES

## PUZZLES

## MENTAL GYMNASIUM

## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 1 Also
- 2 Sweetmeats
- 3 Cleaning tool
- 4 Over (poetic)
- 5 Tardy
- 6 Shower
- 7 Boy's nickname
- 8 Virginia (ab.)
- 9 Story
- 10 Waste allowance
- 11 Crimson
- 12 Rodent
- 13 Strong vegetable
- 14 Social insect

## DOWN

- 1 Narrow strip of fabric
- 2 Preposition
- 3 Smell
- 4 Folding bed
- 5 Affirmative (archaic)
- 6 Pertaining to the cheek
- 7 Fasten firmly
- 8 Pillar
- 9 Burmese wood sprite
- 10 Lion
- 11 Girl's name
- 12 Horse's gait
- 13 Hastened
- 14 Within

## ADD-A-LETTER

Add a letter to a Hebrew letter and have "to mimic," add another and have "a sleeveless garment," another and have "a scenic view," another and have "to evade."

## MUMBLE-JUMBLE

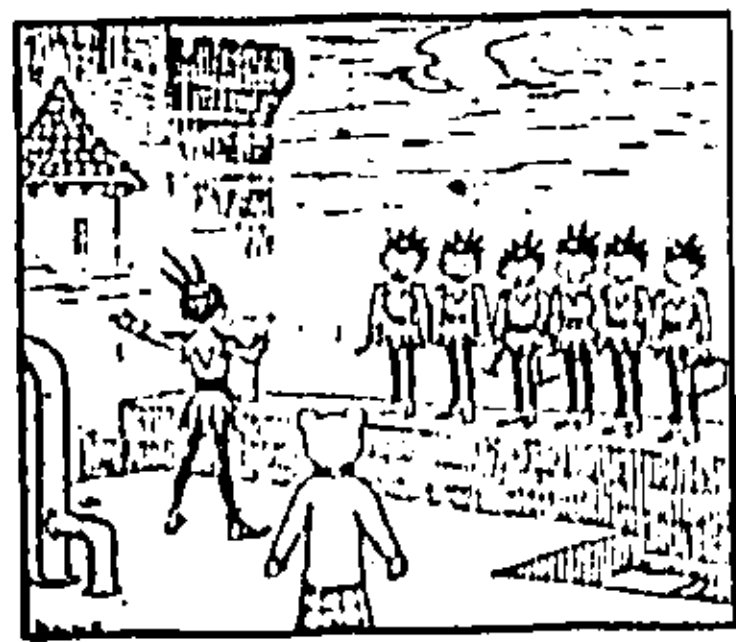
The following sentence is quite scrambled, but if you rearrange the words, you can make sense out of it: two's product The three, of sum equals three's plus two four sum times of three the of

## DIAMOND

MONARCH forms the centre of our diamond. The second word is "a distress signal," the third "patron of Christians," the fifth "an aeroplane part," and the sixth "to perform."

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## Rupert's Elfie Bell—33



The Leader does not waste any time after he realises the importance of Rupert's message. He sends for six more lively elves and lines them up with their tool kits. "There is top trouble near Norwood," he cries. "You are needed there urgently." He reads them directions as to the quickest way to get there, and they scamper off at top speed. "You have done everyone a very good turn, little bear," he says. Rupert smiles. "I still don't quite understand what it's all about," he murmurs.

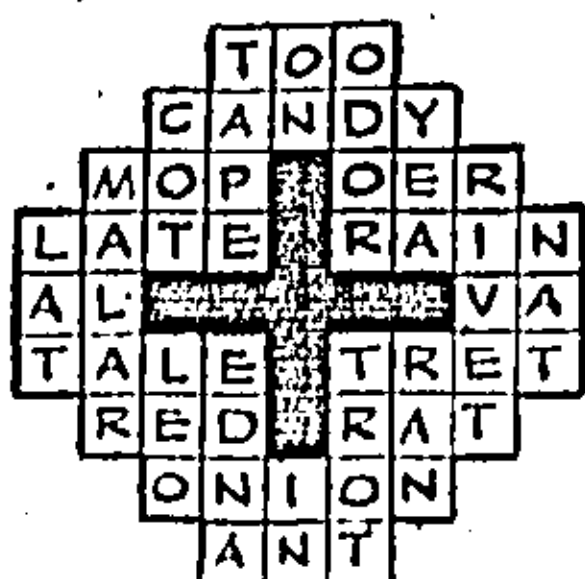
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## RIDDLES

1. What never asks questions but requires many answers?
2. Why is a vine like a soldier?
3. Why is an acrobat like a boxer?
4. Why is a young lady like a violin?

## ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD:



MUMBLE-JUMBLE: The sum of two three's plus the sum of three two's equals the product of four times three.

ADD-A-LETTER: Pe, ape, capo, escape, escape, DIAMOND:

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## SOS

## SANTA

## MONARCH

## STRUT

## ACT

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RIDDLE ANSWERS: 1—The door-bell. 2—Because it has ten-drills (ten drills) and then shoots. 3—Because he can't get his living without some assaults (summersaults). 4—Because she is often seen with a bow (beau).

## Knarf Wanted to Keep Store

—But He Couldn't Decide What to Sell—

By MAX TRELL

"WHEN I grow up," Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, said to his sister Hanid, "I'm going to own a store."

Hanid, who was sitting in the corner of the playroom reading a book, glanced up at her brother in surprise. "I never knew you wanted to be a storekeeper, Knarf. What kind of a store are you going to have?"

"I don't know yet," said Knarf. "What kind of stores are there?"

"Oh, there are lots and lots of different kinds," said Hanid. "Would you like to be a grocer and have a Grocery Store? You could sell butter and eggs and milk and all other things to eat."

"If I were a grocer and had a Grocery Store," said Knarf, "I would never have to be hungry, would I?"

## Sell Potatoes

"No," said Hanid, "or you could be a vegetable man and have a Vegetable Store. You could sell potatoes and beans and cabbage, and also all kinds of fruits."

"That would be nice, too," agreed Knarf.

"Or," continued Hanid, "you could be a butcher and have a Butcher Shop. Then you could sell steak, and lamb chops and chicken."

"That would be wonderful!" Knarf exclaimed. "I'd certainly like to have a Butcher Shop."

"Or," said Hanid, "you could be a candy man and have a Candy Shop. You could sell chocolates, bonbons, fudge, ice-cream and lollipops."

"That's what I want—a Candy Store!" Knarf cried.

"But then," Hanid went on, "there are other kind of stores. For instance, you could be a drugist and have a Drug Store. You could sell medicines and help sick people get better."

"I'd like to do that," said Knarf.

"Or you could have a Clothing Store," said Hanid, "and sell

THE boys and girls of today are as familiar with aeroplanes as with the family wash.

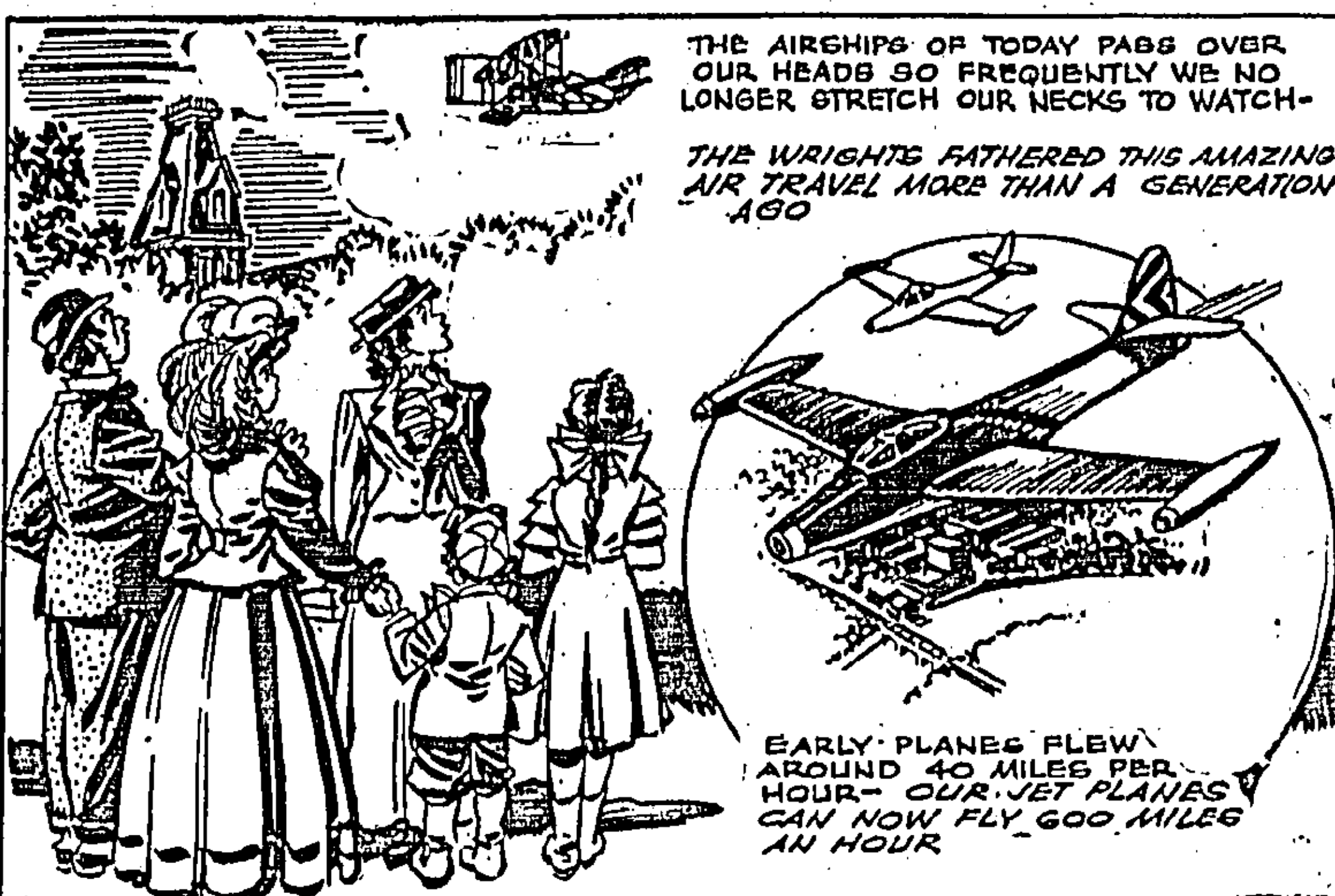
But there was a time when the sound of engines in the air brought not only the young, but everyone else out of the house.

Shops emptied. Small factories were temporarily deserted by employees who crowded into the street to gaze heavenward. All had only one burning desire, to see a ship of the sky.

So anxious were people to see an aeroplane that in 1914 several mischievous boys on a city street corner began pointing and exclaiming as though looking at something above, and caused a traffic jam which called out police reserves and caused a delay of almost half an hour.

Thirty years ago and more, men laughed at death when they climbed into one of the flimsy kites they flew. During World War I, a man's plane was about as dangerous to his life as enemy bullets.

The Wright brothers in the early part of this century at Dayton, Ohio, in the United States, were trying to build a "crate" that



THE AIRSHIPS OF TODAY PASS OVER OUR HEADS SO FREQUENTLY WE NO LONGER STRETCH OUR NECKS TO WATCH.

THE WRIGHTS FATHERED THIS AMAZING AIR TRAVEL MORE THAN A GENERATION AGO.

EARLY PLANES FLEW AROUND 40 MILES PER HOUR—OUR JET PLANES CAN NOW FLY 600 MILES AN HOUR.

would fly. They had only a small bicycle shop in which to work and there was much to learn. Safety devices for air travel had not yet been invented.

THE cost of materials, the loss of work on the bicycles while they spent long hours on their "crate" was ruining them.

It was a question of "Can we continue to eat?" A sister, a school teacher, came to her brothers' aid. From her small salary she gave to Orville and Wilbur all she could possibly spare, and wages then were a fourth of what they are today.

Finally on Dec. 17, 1903, it was Orville's turn to try to fly. He was successful in flying almost a half mile in a motor-driven plane at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Today planes can make non-stop flights across seas and continents.

Boys and girls who today see the gleaming monsters of the air roaming the skies can hardly realise what a frail craft the Wright brothers flew.

It was no more sturdy than an orange box and so much resembled a crate that for many years men who flew even the improved planes in 1914 to 1918 war called them "CRATES."

Pilots had no protection from wind, snow or rain, but sat on the wing with only a belt to hold them.

The success of the Wright brothers was of no commercial value in 1903. Their ultimate success in flying over a period of time and distance was entirely due to a stern perseverance. They would not admit defeat. Even after their first flight, their ship was of no use to carry loads. It was only a toy, and it was dangerous to fly in.

AFTER years of effort and a painstaking study on the part of the Wrights and others aeroplanes were perfected to a degree of safety.

Today we have large closed air liners. They fly on schedule. A generation ago it was more certain that an expected plane would not arrive when looked for than that it would. It was customary to land in a field and resume flight a day or so later. People

gathered to receive the pilot with a brass band.

Both the Wright brothers, who pioneered the way, are now dead. But every plane thundering across the heavens is a monument to two men and their sister who had faith in man's ability to fly.

## Good Words Can Be Useful Tools

THE ease with which teen-agers pick up the slang expressions of the day is sufficient proof that learning new words comes naturally.

So why not learn good words? What new words, other than slang expressions, have YOU learned this week? This month? This year?

A wide vocabulary is important. The words you learn today could, in a few more years, spell the difference between a top position and a mediocre job.

They could mean, even now, a real social handicap. Your vocabulary is stamping you for better or for worse, for life.

THE first question is: how can you build a vocabulary? To go to the dictionary and study a page at a time sounds dull and it is.

Why not take a subject in which you are enthusiastically interested as a starter? Your hobby, for instance, might be chemistry. A whole crop of new words are being born daily in this field. Chloromycetin, the new antibiotic, is one. And what, by the way, is an antibiotic?

The definitions of these two words may open up an entirely undiscovered field of knowledge to you.

In each new definition you may find words you do not know. Look them up and learn them. Your trips through the dictionary may take you to many interesting fields.

IF you are not technically inclined in your hobby, try the word game. Play it by yourself. Play it with your chums on the way to school. Take the weather, a common enough subject. How many words can you think of to describe the

## CRAFTS

## GAMES

## JOKES

## ZOO'S WHO



A MOLE'S FUR LIES FLAT, NO MATTER WHICH WAY IT IS STROKED...THE LITTLE ANIMAL CAN TRAVEL FORWARDS OR BACKWARDS THROUGH HIS TUNNEL WITHOUT RUFFLING HIS COAT...



NEW ZEALAND WAS WITHOUT MAMMALS OR MARSUPIALS UNTIL MAN IMPORTED THEM...



BASEBALL SOMETIMES IS PLAYED WITH BOTH TEAMS RIDING ON DONKEYS...

## These Puzzles Have Baffled The World

"IT'S a puzzling world." And there are some puzzles which have defied the sharpest minds for centuries. You ask, "Why can we see through glass?" The answer you may expect is, "Because it is transparent." But does this answer the question or is it just another way of saying, "Because we can see through it."

OTHER puzzles have been solved. There is the famous riddle of the Sphinx, that terrifying lady monster of Bocoia who concocted stiff puzzles for the inhabitants of the country to solve and devoured those who failed.

The Sphinx's prize riddle was: "What animal walks on four legs in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening?" The Sphinx thought this one so good that she promised to destroy herself if anybody could find the answer.

Finally a fellow called Oedipus, who should have been nick-named "long shot," came out with the following clever guess, "It's a man!"

The Sphinx turned very pale. "How did you know?" she asked.

"Well," Oedipus grinned as he gathered courage, "a man crawls on all fours in the morning of his life; he walks erect on two legs at the noon of life; and he hobbles around on two legs and a stick in the evening of life."

This answer proved good enough for the Sphinx so she promptly knocked her head against the nearest rock and died. All of which proves that puzzle solvers can be valuable at times.

MANY unsolved puzzles deal with science and mathematics. For centuries the alchemists have tried to turn cheap metals into gold. So far nobody has done it.

No one has yet been able to "square a circle," which is to make a square containing exactly the same area as a circle of known radius.



Some riddles depend on a play of words for the confusion they create, others involve a contradiction of terms. Once there was a problem to be done in the fewest possible straight lines. A fellow called Alec, afterwards nick-named "smart," solved the thing by the use of only one straight line, because, as he said, "I made all the other lines crooked."

NOW can you answer this one? What would happen if a moving body which could not be stopped, collided with a body which could not be moved? The problem cannot be solved because we have a contradiction of terms. If there is such a thing as a body which cannot be stopped, there cannot be at the same time something which can not be moved.

Sometimes, the simpler the puzzle, the harder it is to solve. You simply can't see it for looking. A juggler of letters discovered that one of the shortest phrases in English which would read the same when spelled backwards as forwards is, "Madam, I'm Adam." It's very good until you think about Adam calling to his wife, "Eve!" he says. That's the same either way, too.

## DO-IT

By Dale Goss

## Things to Make With Materials at Hand



5. Cover inside (except for window) with green POSTER PAINT or GREEN PAPER 7 inches wide and 9 inches long. Paint outside and top with different color.

6. Add small STONES and SAND to bottom.

7. Cut out 2 fish from COLORED PAPER.

8. String thru top with GREEN THREAD.

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## BRONCHO BILL

## Opening Fire

By Harry F. O'Neill





## SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

MCKENNEY  
ON BRIDGELetting Trick Ride  
Assures This Bid

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▲A02			
▲K100			
▲42			
▲AQ873			
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1♣	Pass	1♣	Pass
1N.T. Pass	3N.T. Pass		
Opening—▲5 29			

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THERE are many who wish health and happiness to Thomas F. McCarthy and the members of The Whist Club of New York City. Each year Mr. McCarthy and Whist Club members conduct a party at the Hotel Pierre for the benefit of the Children's Cancer Fund.

Many people do not realize that children have cancer, but Mr. McCarthy is not one of them. He has run this party for a number of years now, so that our fund may continue its fight against cancer in children.

I am not sure how the boys at The Whist Club bid today, but I know that they arrived at three no trump. When the five of spades was opened, Mr. McCarthy laid off until the third round. Then he led a small heart and won in dummy with the jack. The five of clubs was returned, and when East put on the nine-spot, Mr. McCarthy finessed the queen. When it held, he went back over to dummy with a heart and led another club.

When East played the king, declarer did not make the mistake of winning the trick. He let East hold it, and now there was no way for East to put his partner in the lead. Regardless of what he returned, Mr. McCarthy was assured of at least nine tricks.

## SKELETON CROSSWORD

IN the skeleton crossword the black squares and clue numbers, as well as the words, are left for the solver to fill in. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

The black squares form a symmetrical pattern in which the two sides of the puzzle balance each other, and the top half corresponds with the bottom half.

## CLUES ACROSS

2. Eminent bird with a ring.
3. John d'oe ken?
4. The cheerful sound of a bell.
5. Change the environment of a stone.
6. Make a meal off grass?
7. If you want a new howler, he might supply one.
8. Alternative title for "Much Ado About Nothing" (five words).
9. A hit short (two words).
10. Nature of Titania.
11. Making the suppers last out, as in making.
12. Of old of old.
13. She's not worth much.
14. A rotten do' (sings).

## CLUES DOWN

1. Being a fairy, she may well start a ring.
2. Mackintosh, for example.
3. Chastious about the first part of the spectacle.
4. It's a date!

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"When I got home, Mother and Dad were having a quarrel, too—I found out how silly I borrowed some eggs and came back!"

## WEEK-END QUIZ

1. Many Scottish place names begin with "Ben." What is the meaning of the word?
2. Who were known as Monsieur and Madame Vetot?
3. Who was the man, later to become Prime Minister of England, who joined the gold rushes in Australia in the middle of the last century?
4. In the United States, who preside over the Senate and the House of Representatives?
5. What is the difference between choreography and chorography?
6. Why is the devil called Satan?
7. What war did the Treaty of Vereeniging end?
8. Who wrote the following lines and in what circumstances were they used—"Was ever book containing such vile matter so fairly bound?"
9. What foreign country still uses the Union Jack as part of its national flag?
10. Which victorious Allied general in World War II has had a mountain named after him?

(Answers elsewhere on this page)

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE admirable C. Suet, Esq., speaking at Nuneaton on the Huge Four-Year Investment Programme, astonished his audience by his command of tumble-cumtury.

Some said that he had got all his facts wrong, but had put them in the right place. Others said that by transposing his facts he made the whole affair clearer than it was before.

Suet began by saying that if invisible imports were adjusted to invisible exports, the mechanisation of home production would mean a higher rate of investment abroad, particularly if non-dollar resources were used to decrease foreign consumption. At this point the chairman leaned over and spoke to Suet, who glanced quickly at his notes, laid his right forefinger along his upper lip and breathed down his nose.

## 'Unorthodox economics'

SUET went on to say that to close the gap in the balance of payments sterling should be devalued. There was a gasp from the audience. "Revalued," said Suet with a grin. He then continued: "There is no harm in an adverse trade balance if it is due to the import of goods which we do not require or to the export of goods which other countries do not require. By redeployment of man-power industrial output can be lowered to such an extent that it becomes an invisible asset to set against distribution."

When C. Suet, Esq., sat down there were a few lukewarm cheers, "but many people were puzzled," says the Economist.

## Questions—and answers

QUESTIONS followed. Asked what he meant by invisible exports, Suet said: "Spending widely and in general, invisible exports are those which we do not see." "Ghosts?" suggested an intellectual. Suet nodded. Asked what he meant by industrial output, Suet said, "Taken by and large I should say it means the output of any given industry or group of industries in relation to the goods which they are putting out." He added quickly, "It is basically a fiscal matter." Asked what was the "flattening out" in the

## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

BORN today, you have a facile mind, a good memory and a quick sense of humour. You can be as charming as you wish to be. Among your friends of your own choosing, you are gay, bright and entertaining. If you do not wish to be that, you can withdraw into your indolgent shell and be as aloof and unapproachable as you please.

This makes you misunderstood by many. If you are to indulge in this type of temperament, make sure that you select a field of work where it will be an asset rather than a disadvantage.

Fond of dramatizing your own life, you might be able to make a career on the stage with considerable success. You have talents, but you are not a good promotional agent for your

own endeavours. You are too dependent, in this regard, upon others. Learn a little more self-reliance and your success may come more quickly.

You of the fair sex must guard against idle chatter. You are naturally a good conversationalist and can talk about anything with anyone. Just make sure that what you have to say really means something. You are sufficiently individualistic not to care what others say or think of your actions and this independence, properly guided, can bring you to a real and lasting success. Stick to your goal and work for it.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

BORN today, you have one of those lightning-quick minds that can come to a conclusion at a moment's notice. Fortunately, your analysis is keen and your first decision is usually the right one. Because of this you are apt to be a few steps ahead of your nearest competitor and can get the rewards.

Your one failing is that you desire perfection and if you fail to reach what you believe to be the very best, you become despondent. You worry too much about past failures. Don't let yourself do this, for you waste precious energy in moaning over "spilt milk."

You are one of those who is called "lucky," since you always seem to land on your feet. Too

few realise that the stars have given you very keen perceptions and that you are using them.

You women are especially good at planning entertainments and will make excellent hostesses either in your own home or at clubs and civic affairs. You are highly attractive to the opposite sex and will have many admirers. It is very likely that you will make what is called a "good marriage."

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)**—New developments, especially a change of environment or job, may be a real blessing in disguise.

**ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)**—A romantic adventure or making a new friend can be the turning point in your future happiness.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—A message, or a possible journey to meet romance can bring an unexpected change into your life.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 22)**—Don't let misunderstandings arise between you and even your best friends. The subtle approach helps.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)**—If planning business expansion, make your plans very carefully. Consult experts and get all the facts first.

**ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)**—Romance is sure—but nothing else seems to be. Be thrifty and not too adventuresome in expenditures.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—Morning is definitely unstable, so postpone important matters until after lunch for best results.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 22)**—Be optimistic about the future, for it can be about as you make it. Plan well and results are good.

**CANCER (June 23-July 23)**—Opposing forces are arrayed against your best interests, so be on guard; rest and relax. Don't push issues.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—Avoid heated arguments. Don't expect too much and be very careful of all you attempt. Avoid arguments.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)**—You may further a friendship, especially a romantic one, by being diplomatic and tactful in everything.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**—Exert your personal charm in making friends. The reward will be far more than even you anticipate.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

**CANCER (June 23-July 23)**—Discretion is necessary. Be calm in a crisis and all will go moderately well even in trouble.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—Haste can only cause an accident, so take your time. Slow, accurate progress is best now.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)**—An addition to your income through past efforts is possible if you work things right today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**—Don't make hasty decisions and you can avoid being unjust to those with whom you work. Be tactful, too.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—Business engagements may take some of today's time. Make sure they are suitable to the day, however.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)**—An active day in which friendship counts for a great deal. Make new ones; renew old ones.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19)**—Unexpected, albeit fairly favourable changes, will make this day one to remember. Exert your influence.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**—Romance and business may combine in a favourable circumstance right now. Be wise in making decisions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—More than average care in romance may be yours. Don't let it upset you too much. Fortitude pays off now.

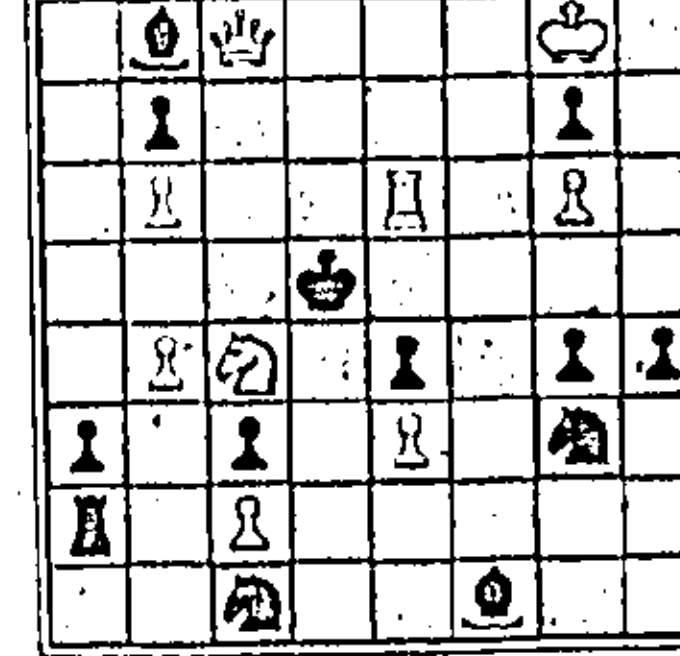
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19)**—New plans can be pushed. Signs are good for you, so take advantage of them while others must wait.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**—Seek a new job or better your old one. Other troubles may be turned into your good fortune. Don't gloat!

## CHESS PROBLEM

By N. K. MALACHOW

Black, 13 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.  
White to play and mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. R—e5, any; 2. Q, R, or P (ch, or dis ch) mates.

graph of industrial productivity. Suet paused a moment and then said, "Broadly speaking, it is a levelling process, not unconnected with economic factors."

## The road to culture

ON entering the house of some friends a man heard the usual appalling radio din. "We seem to have got two stations," said his host. "Euston and St. Pancras," replied the man bitterly.

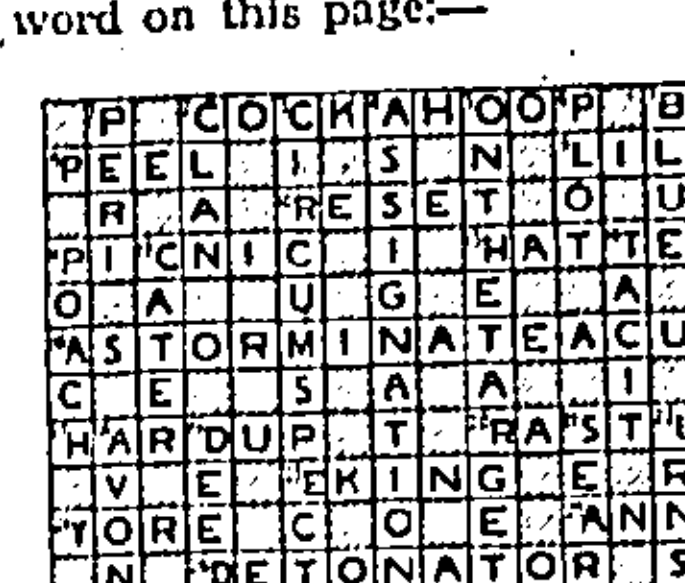
## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—

Across: 1. Material; 7. Impress; 10. Amplify; 12. Old iron; 15. Sidney; 16. Ash; 17. A foe; 18. Sans; 21. C.O.; 22. Elsie; 24. Yoke; 25. Tell; 26. Enmity; 27. A.T.S.

Down: 1. Mimosa; 2. Amy; 3. Ermine; 4. Represent; 5. Lifts; 6. Gay; 8. Paddock; 9. Sin; 11. Loyalty; 13. Life; 14. Wheels; 19. Silt; 20. Aye; 23. Sea.

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on this page—



## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. It means "mountain."
2. Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, so called on account of the number of times they exercised their right of veto on measures passed by the National Assembly.
3. Lord Robert Cecil, afterwards Lord Salisbury.
4. The Vice-President presides over the Senate, and the Speaker over the House of Representatives.
5. Chorography is the written notation of dancing for the ballet. Chorography is the making of maps, showing districts and regions.
6. From an old Hebrew word meaning enemy or adversary.
7. Boer War.
8. Spoken by Juliet in William Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet." Act 3, Scene 2, upon learning of Tybalt's death.
9. The flag of Hawaii has the Union Jack in the top left-hand corner.
10. Castle Mountain in Canada has been altered to Mount Elsenhower.

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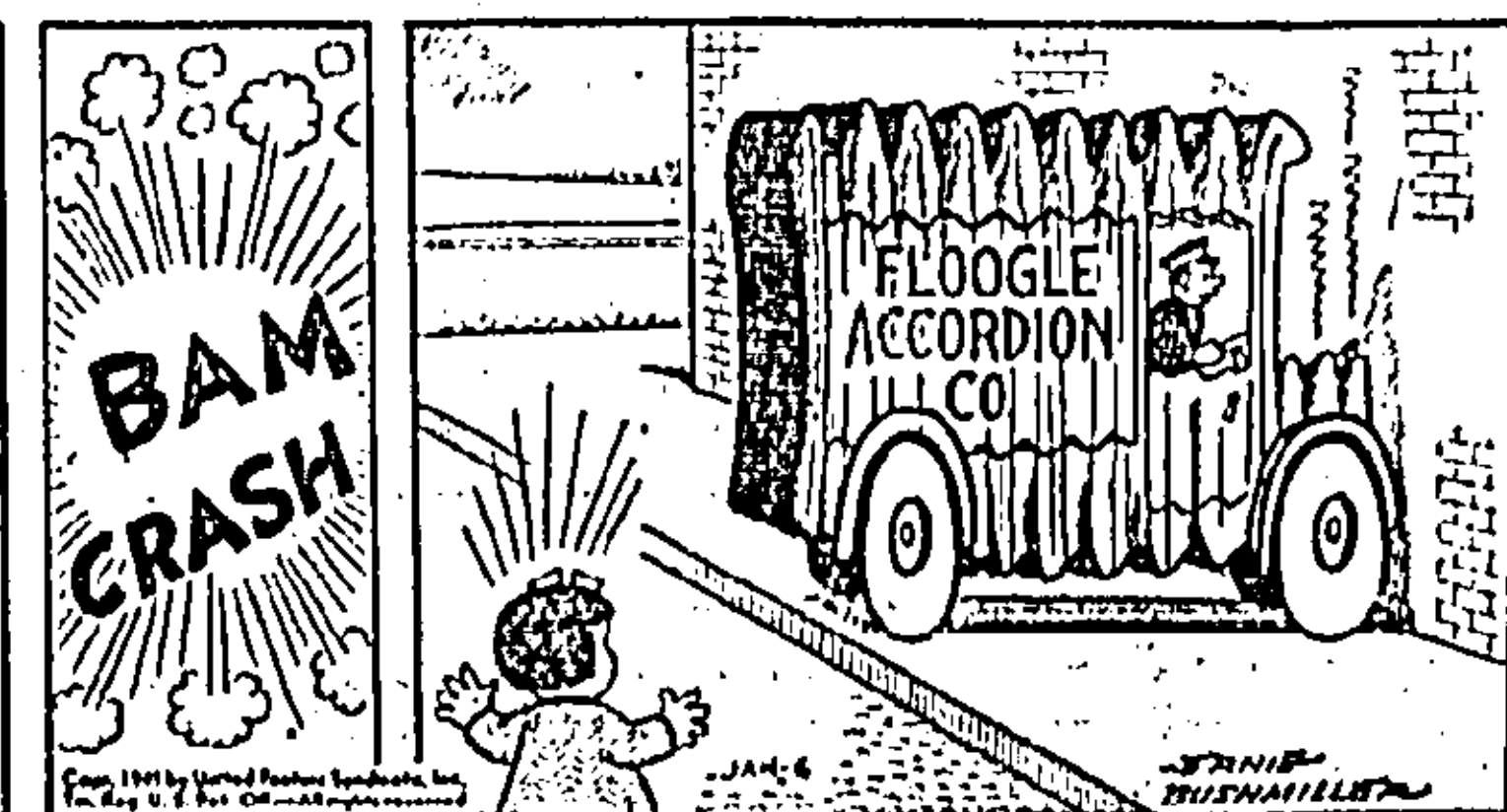
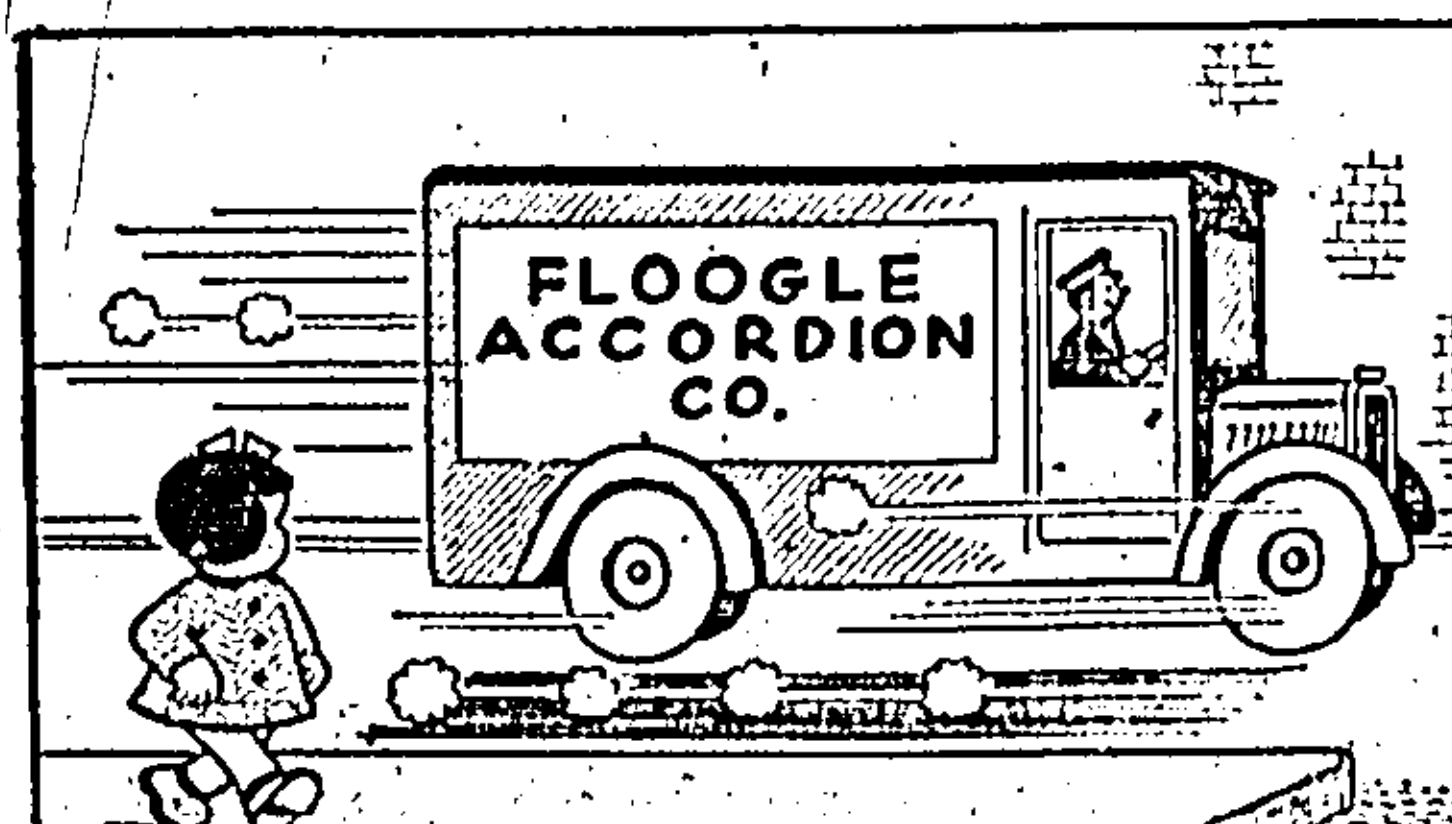
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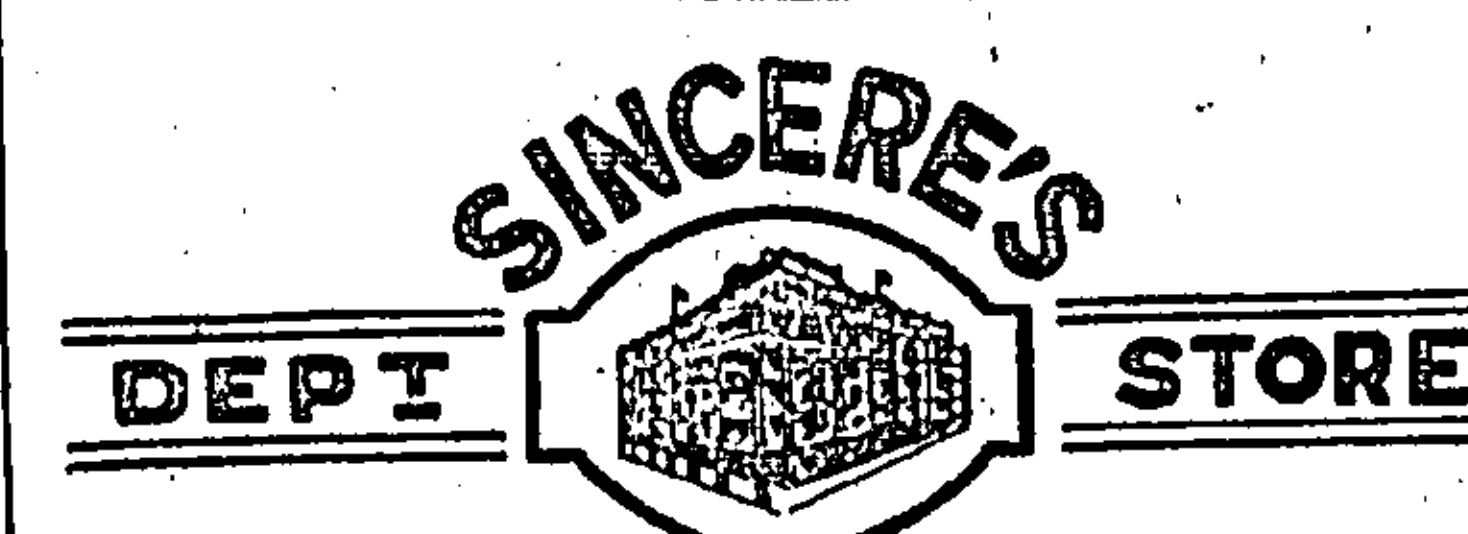
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## COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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By "RECORDER"

Watching H. A. Ayres & B. T. M. Jones in action in the Colony Open Grasscourt Doubles against Szeto Bick and Choy Tin-wah at Chater Road yesterday, one was inclined to wonder what it was that brought a crowd three deep to watch them in disregard to at least three other good matches on adjoining courts.

Despite the fact that most Chinese Recreation Club players—the backbone of local tennis when all is said and done—admit that they have occasionally lost a friendly match against either member of this Australian-American partnership, it has become more than evident as the current Championships have progressed that neither is or has the makings of a Hongkong champion.

The crowd that stuck loyally to watch—about 90 percent Chinese—was not disappointed. Most will remember with wonder that puerile exhibition that was the first set.

Ayres looked a rank beginner and Jones was worse. Most tennis coaches, watching the two, would have been less exasperated with pupils with some three weeks' racket-wielding to their credit.

Ayres, at least, had some excuse for this. It takes a lot to recover after playing a schoolboy in the first round. Jones had none.

Yet, in the second set, Ayres and Jones practically ran Szeto Bick, a seasoned player and the best doubles strategist on the courts yesterday, and Choy Tin-wah, a promising young player

if ever there was one, off their feet. They put on what was, to say the least, a spectacular exhibition. Both are, at a little better than their worst, crowd-pleasers, the gallery's favourites.

Where the gallery is concerned, both are good entertainment. The pantomime that follows the mistimed stroke wins everybody over. Tsui Yun-pui, by way of parkinson, is Helen Willis, in the same tournament, would have seemed temperamental.

Throughout that first set of errors, Ayres would look sheepishly at Jones and Jones would look more sheepishly back at Ayres. When they got down to the second, it was a corker. A smashing game that was a Hongkong tennis type of laugh that it seldom gets.

Both Szeto and Choy were anything but off form. They were playing a game of doubles not far off the best of standards known in these climes. They were up against a type of tennis that only Ip Koon-lung, with his experience of American tournaments, knows anything about. In the circumstances they fell but they did not collapse.

Both Szeto, the finest player of the four at the net, and Choy, game as ever, adjusted themselves in little time to a game in which the baseline was something lost somewhere way back. They used all the known local tricks of the trade to stem that tide of smashes but, the fact remained, a smash in time saves nine just as a ditch does.

I am inclined to the belief that had Szeto and Choy been confronted with two Americans and two Australians, they would have won.

After that dismal first set, that well-known Austral-American rivalry got working and, when it wasn't a mishit, it was a kill, and it was more often than not just that.

The second set romp-home would have been as effective against the Tsui brothers. The third set was won on a new-born prestige, almost completely lost since the Open Singles began.

In the course of the first set one almost expected Ayres to come up to Jones or Jones to Ayres and announce, for all the gallery to hear, "Now, was that a dud?"

On the strength of yesterday's performance, I will not discount the pair for the Championship, provided, most definitely, there isn't the same first set lost on a warming-up.

One fact remains. Ayres and Jones have played tennis in tournaments in which local tactics as we know them count for nothing at all. They are not in a class with the best that the CRC can produce but, playing a radically different game, they can wipe the best from the CRC off the smashes connect.

## SOME OTHER GAMES

It was a bad evening for the umpires at Chater Road yesterday as four of the six matches on the programme went to three sets.

Nothing sensational sparkled when turned up but Kwok Hing-chung and Roch Leung were given a short-lived scare by Ng Yeok-shin and Patrick Wong in a game in which some of the rallies were more spectacular than on the adjoining gallery-crowded court.

The Bakers (T. E. & R. O.) seemed inclined at one stage to turn Tsui Ping-fan and Lut Ding-chung off their feet. That was not to be against a doubles veteran like Luk.

Donald and Norman Lo, up against Pater Familias and M. Heenan, suggested that they were a more promising combination than last year's Los, Kenneth and Thomas.

Even though veteran M. W. Lo was not even quite up to his standard last year, his partner, Heenan, was in top-notch form throughout most of the game and looked like one of the most confident players at the net. I have seen this far this year.

The younger Los survived five set points and climbed up to 3-5 after being led 3-0 in the last set.

## DARK HORSES

Lost in the general interest given to the day's feature (Ayres & Jones v. Szeto & Choy) was the rather easy manner in which Lee Boon-sing, the Java player, and T. T. Chen, his partner from Shanghai, disposed of Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-kin, one of the Colony's better doubles combinations, in straight sets.

Lee and Chen were down 0-5 in the first set but went on to win 7-5, 6-2. Lee has already acquired a local reputation. The fact of his partner being a most reliable player at the net augurs well for their going far in the tournament.

Cricketers tomorrow may gaze with awe at Len Stokes. Partnered by Segalen, he was on the winning side of a 6-0, 0-0 score. That is no mean achievement for a veteran who has already discarded Sunday cricket.

## Rugby Union:

Chance For  
Wales To  
Win Ch'ship

London, Mar. 11.—Victory over Ireland at Swansea tomorrow will give Wales a good chance of winning the International Rugby Union championship, especially if the revived England side beats Scotland at Twickenham the following Saturday.

The four Home countries would then be level if this happened, but Wales, with a game in hand, would still be able to win the title by beating France in Paris.

A win for France, however, in what would be the deciding match, would result in a five-fold tie, each team having four points.

The position to date is: Ireland and Scotland; four points each; Wales, England and France; two points each. All have played three matches except Wales, who have a game in hand.

Ireland regard the Swansea ground as something of a hoodoo, for they have not won there in 60 years. They have visited Swansea 11 times and have won only once—in 1889.

The two countries have met 51 times, Wales having won 30. Wales's record at Swansea is considered to be worth at least three points to the home side and Ireland will have to be at the top of their form to win the match.

Ireland fields the same side that beat Scotland but Wales have made one change. The Welsh selectors caused a stir by dropping Glyn Davies in favour of W. Cleaver, the renowned international, for the stand-off half position.—Reuter.

Derby Pay  
Record Fee  
For Morris

London, Mar. 11.—Derby County today paid a record transfer fee for the signature of the Manchester United inside forward, J. Morris.

Both clubs, although not disclosing the fee, stated that it was a record, and it is believed that the figure approached £25,000.

The previous accepted record fee was the £20,050 paid by Sunderland to Newcastle for Len Shackleton last season, but it has been suggested that Newcastle paid £22,000 to Barnsley last January for George Agblede, the Chilean-born centre forward, out of £25,000 for that player and his brother Ted.

Morris declined last week to go to Liverpool, who had agreed to pay £25,000 for his transfer. He cost Manchester United only a £10 sign-on fee, as he joined them from their nursery club at the age of 16. He is now 23.—Reuter.

WEEK-END  
SPORT

## TODAY

Cricket—First Division League: Reccro v. RAF at King's Park; Scorpions v. Navy at Chater Road; Craigengower v. IRC at Happy Valley; Friends v. KCC v. Optimists at King's Park.

Second Division Friendly: KCC v. Reccro at Cox's Road. Football—First Division League: RAF v. Army at Soakunpo; Navy v. South China "A" at Causeway Bay; South China "B" v. Eastern at Caroline Hill; KMB v. Club at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division League: Army (Hong Kong) v. Navy at Soakunpo; Soldiers v. Kitcher at Causeway Bay; Tramways v. South China at Caroline Hill; Army (Kowloon) v. CAA at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 3 p.m.).

Races—Third Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley. First Saddling Bell at 1.30 p.m. Football—At Reccro Ground: Rangers v. Vikings at 2.30 p.m.

## TOMORROW

Cricket—Reccro v. Occasionals at King's Park, 11.15 a.m. Football—First Division League: St. Joseph's v. Police at Happy Valley; Kitcher v. CAA at Caroline Hill (Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division League: PCA v. Talkoo at Caroline Hill; Police v. KMB at Boundary Street; Club v. St. Joseph's at Happy Valley (Kick-off at 3 p.m.).

Hockey—Association Fixtures: Reccro v. Army at King's Park, 10 a.m.; RAF v. Cable & Wireless at Kal Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Police v. Khalsa at Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; Civil Service v. Navy at King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; Dutch HC v. University at Soakunpo, 10 a.m.; Dockyard RC v. YMCA at King's Park, 10 a.m.

Softball—At Reccro Ground: St. Joseph's v. HKBC, 10.30 a.m. At CBA Ground: Braves v. Jokers, 2 p.m.; Wahos v. Wildcats, 3.30 p.m.

Bevin Heckled  
During  
London Speech

London, Mar. 11.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said tonight that he had no quarrel at all with the Communist system in the Soviet Union.

"If I give that freedom to them—that there should be no interference with them—I claim the same liberty for Britain," he said.

Mr Bevin, who was addressing a public meeting in his new constituency of Woolwich, South-East London, was met with shouts of "Up Israel" when he rose to speak, but later the crowd heard him in silence.

"I send no emissaries to Russia to cause strife. I have no cells in the Russian trade union movement. Then why are France, Italy and other countries striving to get back on their feet, being continually interrupted for political purposes and aggrandisement in Russia?"

Mr Bevin said that as a result of the Marshall Plan, France was showing great recovery. Italy had also recovered. Starvation had been reduced in Germany.

It had been said there were 4,000,000 armed men in the countries under Russian influence, Mr Bevin declared.

"My attitude has been—and that is the Government's—that we will not create an organisation for aggression, but we will create an organisation to resist aggression."

Mr Bevin then said: "Mark my words. You will find, when the efforts we are now making

Smuts And  
Malan Both  
Disappointed

Capetown, Mar. 11.—Political sources said today that both Dr Daniel Malan and Field Marshal Smuts were disappointed by the results of the municipal elections.

Dr Malan, whose racial segregation policy has been fought bitterly in Parliament, had hoped for a clear-cut victory so that he could dissolve Parliament and call a general election.

On the other hand, a stronger showing by the United Party would have improved Marshal Smuts' prospects in the next general election.

Marshal Smuts has hopes of being returned as Prime Minister, a post he held in 1912-13 and again from 1939 until the general elections last year.

Despite his age, he campaigned vigorously throughout four provinces.

In any event, the results mean that Dr Malan has little chance to override opposition to his plan to segregate the various native populations according to their culture and place their local administrations under European control.—United Press.

## Aintree Scratching

London, March 11.—Actor Hugh Wakefield's Kilkenny, 100-1 chance for the Grand National steeplechase on March 26, was withdrawn today because he has gone lame.

His scratching reduces the field to 52.—Associated Press.



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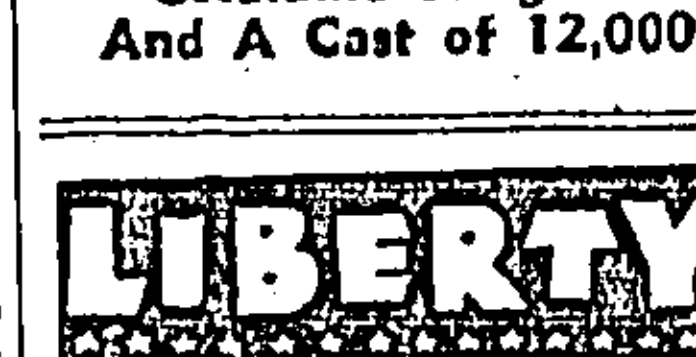
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## Colony Badminton Championships

STANDARD FALLS OFF  
OF AN EVENING

By "SIDELINER"

Compared with earlier matches in the tournament, last night's games in the Colony Badminton Championships at the Victoria Recreation Club were dull and listless. On first thought it seemed the cement court was the factor which slowed up the play but the last two games proved that to be wrong.

Unfortunately the last match, a Senior Men's Doubles encounter between M. A. Oliveira & J. J. Remedios against W. F. Foo & Charles Au had to end before the first set was completed. In attempting a smash, Marcus Oliveira slipped and dislocated his left elbow.

Oliveira is a veteran Recreio player of very high standard and on last night's showing he could hold his own among the best of the Colony. His partner, Remedios, was a promising young player and the present Championships owe much to the enthusiasm of Oliveira who is one of the mainstays of the game here. His many friends will be happy to learn that he will be "up and doing" in a few days.

## FAMILY AFFAIR

Match of the evening was undoubtedly the Junior Mixed Doubles when the only two "family" pairs in the tournament met each other for the privilege of entering the next round. After a fast and furious game which went the full distance and more, J. A. Soares & Mrs Melvise Soares emerged worthy winners from their tussle with W. C. Chung and Mrs Chung at 15-12, 8-15, 10-13.

The first set saw the Soares family lead 6-0, but by dint of hard smashing by Chung in the back court and fine interception by Mrs Chung at the net, the Chinese pair drew level and then led 12-10.

With the Soares combination taking the first set, the second saw the Chungs going into an 8-2 lead through power smashes and accurately placed drop shots. Both ladies were brilliant at this period with Mrs Chung slightly superior in the duels at the net.

The Soares family rallied and brought the score to 8-5. At

their critical stage Mrs Soares began to lose her touch at the net, failing to return many easy shots, and the Chungs, taking advantage of her lapse, ran out the set at 15-8.

The Chungs began the third and deciding set as if they meant business and caused Soares in the back court and his lady at the net into several costly errors running into an 11-5 lead. Soares then really began to play above himself.

With the Chinese pair leading 12-8, the service changed hands several times with the Chungs vainly struggling to gain the all-important point.

But they could make no headway against the Soares pair, who gradually crept up, and then led 13-12.

When it came to the five-up, Mrs Soares rose to great heights in intercepting shots at the net and by placements and two unreturnable smashes to the sidelines won four points in a row unassisted.

Her partner made no mistake when W. C. Chung lobbed back his service and smashed squares to the sidelines.

Mrs Chung made a gallant attempt to return the shot but the shuttle hit the frame of her racket and went into the net.

## SENIOR SINGLES

In the Senior Singles, Raymon Young was no match for his clubmate, C. K. Lee. There were very few long rallies and Lee had his opponent's number from beginning to end.

Lee was content to allow his opponent to do all the running and commit all the errors. In the first set, through nine consecutive errors on his adversary's part and three perfectly executed smashes of his own, Lee led 12-1.

Young rallied long enough to win six points by accurate lobs and smashes and then again lapsed into error to allow Lee to run out the set at 15-7.

The second set saw Lee keeping Young on the defensive with one accurate smash after another. Through mistiming, Lee lost several points but with the score 7-5 in his favour Lee again reverted to steady play, using placement shots and accurate drops which forced Young into errors of judgment and won the second set and match at 15-5.

## THE RESULTS

## Junior Singles

M. T. Yeow beat H. F. Tai 15-3, 15-3.

## Ladies' Doubles

Miss Mylthie Silva & Miss Margaret Xavier beat Miss Elvise Corrae Tsok & Miss Marie Figueredo 15-0, 15-2.

## Junior Mixed Doubles

D. C. Lau & Miss Helen Kwong beat C. H. Ngan & Miss Theresa Remedios 15-3, 15-10.

J. A. Soares & Mrs Melvise Soares beat W. C. Chung and Mrs W. C. Chung 15-12, 8-15, 10-13.

## Senior Men's Singles

C. K. Lee beat Raymon Young 15-7, 15-5.

## Ladies' Singles

Miss Ulian Khoo beat Miss Inez Soares 11-2, 11-1.

League Cricket  
Team Averages

Club do Recreio, in addition to having won the First Division Cricket League Championships, are now top of both the First Division League team batting and bowling averages.

The averages now are:

	BATTING	BOWLING
	Runs	Wkts
Reccro	2,002	20.83
Scorpions	2,124	10.49
Optimists	2,339	12.4
IRC	1,497	13.324
RAF	1,497	13.324
University	1,780	12.89
KCC	1,820	12.63
Army	1,915	12.5
IRC	1,270	11.00
Craigengower	1,222	9.20
Royal Navy	1,220	9.13

	BATTING	BOWLING
	Runs	Wkts
Reccro	1,249	10.51
Army	1,497	10.19
Scorpions	1,780	12.16
University	1,820	12.63
RAF	1,497	13.324
Optimists	2,002	10.49
KCC	1,820	12.63
Army	1,915	12.5
IRC	1,270	11.00
Royal Navy	1,222	9.20
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## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Reccro	10	11	3	2	47
Army	10	15	3	3	50
Scorpions	10	15	8	4	35
University	10	7	8	4	33
Optimists	10	0	0	4	30
KCC	10	0	0	4	28
RAF	10	3	7	15	18
IRC	10	2	3	11	10
Royal Navy	10	2	2	11	10
Craigengower	10	1	2	11	0